

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, June 9, 2024
3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements:		Linda Gatti
Prelude:	“This Is My Father’s World”	F.L. Sheppard
Welcome:		Linda Gatti
*Call to Worship: @Cassidy’s Heart 2015		Linda Gatti
Leader: The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.		
People: The world and its inhabitants, too.		
Leader: For the water that sustains us:		
People: We thank you, Creator God.		
Leader: For the plants that breathe for us:		
People: We thank you, Creator God.		
Leader: For the soil that nourishes us:		
People: We thank you, Creator God.		
Leader: For the light that guides us and darkness that restores us:		
People: We thank you, Creator God.		
Leader: For the Earth that is a home for us:		
People: We thank you, Creator God. Amen.		
*Opening Prayer: (In Unison) [Earth Day Prayer of Confession. ©2005 Ken Carter]		
O God, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen:		
You place us in your creation, and you command us to care for it. Your works declare glory and splendor, and you call us to praise and reverence. Where we have degraded or destroyed earth’s bounty, forgive us. Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted, have mercy upon us. Where we have become estranged from the creatures with whom we share this planet, grant us your peace. Renew us in the waters of baptism, refresh us with the winds of your spirit, and sustain us with the bread of life. In the name of Jesus Christ, and for the sake of the new creation, we pray. Amen.		
*Opening Hymn:	“This Is My Maker’s World”	UMH #144
*Praise Song:	“God of Wonders”	Byrd & Hindalong
Introduction to Prayer:		Rev. Christina Zito
<i>[For those joining us online, please submit your prayer requests in the comments on the virtual attendance sheet, or email the church office. Your prayer requests will be lifted up in next Sunday’s service.]</i>		
Prayer Song:	“Down to the River to Pray”	Folk Song
Pastoral Prayer:		Rev. Christina Zito
The Lord’s Prayer:		UMH #895
Scripture Reading:	Genesis 1-25, Deuteronomy 11:13-17	Susan Zuckerman

Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace

[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form:

www.freeholdmethodist.org]

Message: "Shout it from the Mountaintops" Ken Budka

Offering Time: The Special Offering for the month of June will benefit **Casa Freehold**.

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "On Eagle's Wings" Michael Joncas
FUMC Choir

*Doxology: "Thank You, God" Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Creator God, you have given us so much...so very, very much. You have created a universe with abundance for all. As we offer these gifts, as we share these gifts, use them to benefit those whose needs are great. As we offer the gift of our lives, use us to shine the light of your Son in all we do and say. Use all our gifts to help make the world a better place. Amen.

*Closing Song: "The Trees of the Field" TFWS #2279

*Benediction: Ken Budka

*Postlude: "The Trees of the Field"
(Reprise) TFWS #2279

Genesis 1-25

1 When God began to create^[a] the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God^[b] swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Deuteronomy 11:13-17

¹³“If you will only heed his every commandment^[a] that I am commanding you today—loving the LORD your God and serving him with all your heart and with all your soul— ¹⁴then he^[b] will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, and you will gather in your grain, your wine, and your oil, ¹⁵and he^[c] will give grass in your field for your livestock, and you will eat your fill. ¹⁶Take care, or you will be seduced into turning away, serving other gods and worshiping them, ¹⁷for then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and he will shut up the heavens, so that there will be no rain, and the land will not yield its produce; then you will perish quickly off the good land that the LORD is giving you.

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
"This Is My Father's World"
UMH #144

This is my Maker's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Maker's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Maker's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Maker's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Maker's world.
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Maker's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Praise Song:
"God of Wonders"
Byrd & Hindalong

Lord of all creation;
Of water, earth and sky,
The heavens are Your tabernacle,
Glory to the Lord on high.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty;
You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth.
Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness,
I will call Your name by night.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty;
You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth.
(Lord of heaven and earth)
Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah! To the Lord of Heaven and earth.
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Hallelujah! To the Lord of Heaven and earth.

You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty,
You are holy, holy.
Holy, holy.

Prayer Hymn:
"Down to the River to Pray"
Folk Song

(Refrain)
As I went down to the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good ole way
And who shall wear the starry crown,
Good Lord, show me the way.

O sisters, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down.
Come on, sisters, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.

(Refrain)

O brothers, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down.
Come on, brothers, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.

(Refrain)

O fathers, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down.
Come on, fathers, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.

(Refrain)

O mothers, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down.
Come on, mothers, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.

(Refrain)

O sinners, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down.
Come on, sinners, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.

Doxology:
"Thank You God"
Mitch Samu

Thank you God, Thank you God,
Thank you God,
For giving me this life I get to live.

Thank you God, Love you God,
Praise you God,
Forever I will give all I can give.

Amen!

Closing Hymn:
"The Trees of the Field"
TFWS #2279

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy,
And all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field
Will clap their hands,
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands,
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.

Announcements:

Welcome to worship at the First United Methodist Church of Freehold. Whether you are joining us online or are here in person, we are glad you are with us.

Altar Flowers donated by Erika MacDonald, "In memory of my mother who passed away on June 11, 2008".

We will have a **Special Choir Presentation** during our Father's Day service on June 16th. Invite family and friends.

The Church and Society Team is looking for your ideas to aid our church in seeking sustainable solutions for our church's resource usages. Come join our brainstorming efforts on June 23 after service, send an email with your idea to the church or just drop your suggestion in the offering plate by June 23.

The Freehold Area Open Door is in need of non-perishable food items. Please pick up a list in Fellowship Hall, or view it in the Newsletter.

This Week at a Glance (June 10 – June 16)

Monday:	7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Company Auditions (Stage)
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM) 7:00 p.m. - Second Tuesday Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Company Auditions (Stage)
Wednesday:	7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Company Auditions (Stage) 7:30 p.m. – Seventh Day Adventist Church (Lounge)
Thursday:	8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM) 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – A.A.U.W. Set-up for Book Sale
Friday:	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – A.A.U.W. Set-up for Book Sale
Saturday:	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall) 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – A.A.U.W. Set-up for Book Sale
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. – Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 9:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:00 a.m. – Worship (Sanctuary)

(Nursery care for our youngest members is available during worship service.)

Community News:

United Theatre Company Auditions for "Winnie the Pooh"

All ages.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – June 10 - 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. On the Wesley Hall Stage

June Birthdays

(1) Lyn Johnson	(16) Madison Calcao	(27) Christian Moore
(3) Dexter Prendergast	(21) Laurie Sciortino	(28) Lori Brueckner
(3) Jane Heulton	(21) Diane Spangler	(28) Daniel Cronin
(6) Carol Davison	(25) Anne Mayer	(28) Rita Curven
(9) Mark Darby	(26) Marshall Gorman	(29) Carmen Hernandez
(9) Charlotte Noelle Pellichero		