

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold  
Bulletin**

**Sunday, May 17, 2026  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

- Welcome and Announcements: Andrea Garcia
- Prelude: “Right Here, Right Now” Mitch & Kristen Samu  
Kristen Samu - Soloist
- \*Call to Worship:**  
Leader: Christ is risen.  
**People: He is risen indeed.**  
Leader: In seasons of joy and in moments of quiet,  
**People: Christ is present among us.**  
Leader: When our faith feels strong, and when it is fragile,  
**People: Christ prays for us.**  
Leader: Called, held, and sustained by his love,  
**People: We come to worship the living God.**
- \*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)**  
**Gracious God, in this season after Easter, when the celebration has quieted, and our hearts can feel uncertain, you meet us not with absence, but with prayer. Your Son prays for us, holds us, and calls us your own. Draw us now into that living relationship, where we are known, loved, and sustained by your grace. As we worship today, deepen our trust, renew our faith, and remind us that we are never alone. In Christ we pray. Amen.**
- \*Opening Hymn:** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” UMH #327
- \*Praise Song:** “You Are Mine” TFWS #2218
- Children’s Time: Pastor Doby Amos
- Introduction to Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon  
*[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.]*
- Prayer Song: “Agnus Dei” Michael W. Smith
- Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon
- The Lord’s Prayer: UMH #895
- Scripture Reading: John 17:1-11 Pamela Wentworth
- 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](http://www.freeholdmethodist.org)]*
- Message: “Jesus Prays for You” Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for May will benefit **Peace with Justice**. Gifts to the Peace with Justice offering strengthen ministries like refugee resettlements and other justice ministries in our annual conference and around the world. **Giving Page:** [www.freeholdmethodist.org/give](http://www.freeholdmethodist.org/give)

Offertory: "How Great Thou Art" Stuart K. Hine  
Kristen Samu - Soloist

\*Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

\*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

**Faithful God, even when we falter, you do not turn away from us. You pray for us, guide us, and work through us in ways we do not always see. Receive these gifts we offer today, and use them for your purposes in the world. Shape our lives to reflect your love, so that through ordinary acts of faithfulness, your grace may be made known. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

\*Closing Song: "Your Grace Is Enough" Matt Maher

\*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

\*Postlude

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**Scripture Reading:**  
**Wentworth**  
**John 17:1-11**

**Liturgist: Pamela**

### **Jesus Prays for His Disciples**

**17** After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people,<sup>[a]</sup> to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Opening Hymn:**  
**“Crown Him with Many Crowns”**  
**UMH #327**

**(Verse 1)**

Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

**(Verse 2)**

Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died, and rose on high,  
Who died, eternal life to bring,  
And lives that death may die.

**(Verse 3)**

Crown Him the Lord of peace,  
Whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole,  
That wars may cease,  
And all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end,  
And round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.

**(Verse 4)**

Crown Him the Lord of love;  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For Thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall not fail  
Throughout eternity.

**Praise Song:**  
**You Are Mine**  
**TFWS #2218**

**(Verse 1)**

I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,  
Be still and know I am here.

**(Verse 2)**

I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,  
Come and rest in me.

**(Chorus)**

**Do not be afraid, I am with you.**  
**I have called you each by name.**  
**Come and follow me, I will bring you home,**  
**I love you and you are mine.**

**(Verse 3)**

I am strength for all the despairing.  
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,  
And all will know my name.

**(Repeat Chorus)**

I am the Word that leads all to freedom,  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain,  
Stand up, now walk, and live!

**(Repeat Chorus)**

**Prayer Song:  
"Agnus Dei"  
Michael W. Smith**

(Verse)  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
For the Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
For the Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia.

(Chorus)  
(You are) Holy, holy,  
Are You Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.  
You are holy, holy,  
Are You Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.  
Amen.

**Doxology:  
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
UMH #95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Closing Song:  
"Your Grace Is Enough"  
Matt Maher**

(Verse 1)  
Great is Your faithfulness, O God.  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.  
You lead us by still waters into mercy.  
And nothing can keep us apart.

(Pre-Chorus)  
(So) remember Your people,  
Remember Your children,  
Remember Your promise, O God.

(Chorus 1)

Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me.  
Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me.

(Verse 2)

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob.  
You use the weak to lead the strong.  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,  
And all Your people sing along.

(Pre-Chorus)

(So) remember Your people,  
Remember Your children,  
Remember Your promise, O God.

(Chorus 1)

Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me.  
Yeah, your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me.

(Pre-Chorus)

Remember Your people,  
Remember Your children,  
Remember Your promise, O God.

(Chorus 2)

Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me.  
Yeah, Your grace is enough.  
Heaven reaches out to us.  
Your grace is enough for me.  
God, I sing, Your grace is enough.  
I'm covered in Your love.  
Your grace is enough for me,  
For me.

(End)

It's enough for me.

**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.**

**Save the Date:** The First United Methodist Church of Freehold Presents:  
**Vacation Bible School 2026** "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God"  
June 29 – July 2 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
For children Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.  
Children will enjoy games, crafts, music, bible stories & more!



**Join us for a SPECIAL ELIZABETH CIRCLE MEETING – Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** - All women are invited (bring a friend) to attend Elizabeth Circle when our own Mitch Samu will be sharing his story and music. This promises to be special. Don't miss it!!

**Join us in Wesley Hall on May 21<sup>st</sup> for our next Soul Supper.** The menu will be Ham, Potatoes, Salad and Brownies. Please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend.

**Stitchers' Circle Schedule Change** – The Stitchers' Circle will now meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Coffee Room. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. All skill levels are welcome to attend.

**Community Events:**

Enjoy **Freehold Borough's 152<sup>nd</sup> Memorial Day Parade (Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>)** from the church lawn. The church will be open for use of the facilities. Please drive into the parking lot from Broad Street as Main Street will be closed. The day begins with a Service of Reflection at 8:30 a.m. at Elks Point to honor those who died in service to the U.S. Following the Service of Reflection, the borough's 152<sup>nd</sup> Memorial Day Parade will begin at 9:45 a.m. at Brinckerhoff Avenue and West Main Street.

**Freehold Area Open Door GRAND REOPENING!** Freehold Area Open Door is thrilled to announce their move to a new, larger location! The new facility almost doubles their size and is custom-designed to better meet the needs of our neighbors and volunteers. Join us to celebrate at the Grand Reopening event, taking place at the new facility, at **80 Throckmorton St. in Freehold, on Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 1 - 4 pm.** The celebration is open to the public.

**Food, entertainment, and the opportunity to celebrate with your friends and neighbors!**

[www.faopendoor.org](http://www.faopendoor.org)

**Unable to make it to church?** There are several ways you can join us virtually: Find us on:

- **Our website:** [www.freeholdmethodist.org/livestream](http://www.freeholdmethodist.org/livestream)
- **Youtube.com:** search Freehold Methodist Church
- **Our Newsletter:** Click on the service title picture.
- **ZOOM:**  
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**This Week at a Glance (May 18 – May 24)**

Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Elizabeth Circle Meeting (Sanctuary & Coffee Room)  
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)  
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)  
7:30 p.m. - Reading Between the Vines (Coffee Room)

Wednesday: No Bible Study Today  
2:00 p.m. - Stitchers' Circle (Coffee Room)  
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)  
6:00 p.m. - Soul Supper (Wesley Hall)  
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Classroom)

Friday: \*\*\*

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall till 4:00 p.m.)

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Joyful Noise Warm-Up (Sanctuary)  
9:30 a.m. - Choir Warm-Up (Sanctuary)  
10:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:00 a.m. - Fellowship Time and Refreshments (Fellowship Hall)  
11:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
5:00 p.m. - iZion Christian Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)

**May Birthdays**

(14) Kim O'Brien	(19) Annabell Minty	(21) Virginia Sologuren	(23) Thomas Dreyer
(14) Susan Wilson	(20) Connor Groh	(21) Vivian Walters	(29) Carrie Shutzer
(17) Sharon Shutzer	(20) Myra Pierce	(22) Tresssa Johnson	(30) Bryan Wilson
			(30) Stephanie Walters-Laurino