

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold  
Bulletin**

**Sunday, March 1, 2026  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

*We will be celebrating communion this morning.*

*For those of you joining us from home, please have bread and juice/wine available to participate.*

Announcements: Dan Tagatac

Prelude

Welcome: Dan Tagatac

**\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: God speaks in voices we do not expect.

**People: Sometimes through the smallest among us.**

Leader: We gather to listen for truth.

**People: We open our hearts to hear God's call.**

Leader: Let us worship the God who knows us completely.

**People: Let us worship with honesty and humility.**

**\*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)**

**God of truth, you see us clearly and love us completely. You call us out of hiding and invite us into lives of courage and honesty. As we gather, quiet the noise within us so we can hear your voice, even when it challenges us. Give us grace to respond with open hearts and trust in your mercy. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn: "To God Be the Glory" UMH #98

\*Praise Song: "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

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 Hymn: "Be Still and Know That I Am God" TFWS #2057

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:54-62 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](http://www.freeholdmethodist.org)]*

Message: An Unlikely Lent: Extraordinary People of the Easter Story  
Week 2: "Unlikely Opposition – The Servant Girl" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

\*Prayer of Confession: (In Unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we often resist the truth when it is uncomfortable. We deny our fears and pretend to be stronger than we are. Forgive us when we turn away from your call and hide behind our pride. Restore us with your mercy, and lead us into lives of honesty and courage. Amen.**

Offering Time: The Special Offering for March will benefit our **Diaper Drive**.

**Giving Page:** [www.freeholdmethodist.org/give](http://www.freeholdmethodist.org/give)

Offertory: "Give Thanks" TFWS #2036

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

\*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

**God of grace, you give us more than we deserve and call us to live as people of truth. Receive these gifts and use them to build communities of compassion and justice. Shape our lives so that what we give reflects the sincerity of our faith. Amen.**

Celebration of Communion: UMH 12-14  
\*Sung Responses: "Communion Settings" TFWS #2257 (b, c, d)

Communion Hymn: "Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine" TFWS #2266

Prayer: (In Unison)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Closing Song: "How Great Is Our God" Tomlin, Reeves & Cash

\*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

\*Postlude

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**Scripture Reading:**  
**Luke 22:54-62**

**Liturgist: Susan Zuckerman**

**Peter Denies Jesus**

<sup>54</sup> Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. <sup>55</sup> When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. <sup>56</sup> Then a female servant, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." <sup>57</sup> But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." <sup>58</sup> A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" <sup>59</sup> Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him, for he is a Galilean." <sup>60</sup> But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. <sup>61</sup> The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." <sup>62</sup> And he went out and wept bitterly.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Opening Hymn:**  
**"To God Be the Glory"**  
**UMH #98**

**(Verse 1)**

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

**(Chorus)**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory,  
Great things He hath done!

**(Verse 2)**

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

**(Repeat Chorus)**

**(Verse 3)**

Great things He hath taught us,  
Great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

**(Repeat Chorus)**

**Praise Song:**  
**"Here I Am, Lord"**  
**UMH #593**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

**(Chorus)**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**  
**I have heard you calling in the night.**  
**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.**  
**I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

**(Repeat Chorus)**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

**(Repeat Chorus)**

**Prayer Song:**  
**"Be Still and Know That I Am God"**  
**TFWS #2057**

Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.

**Offertory:**  
**"Give Thanks"**  
**TFWS #2036**

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son  
(2X)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us."  
(2X)

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son  
(2X)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us."  
(2X)

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

**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.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel.

**"Communion Settings"**  
**TFWS #2257**  
**(b, c, d)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord;  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the one who comes  
In the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Amen. Amen. Amen.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!

**Communion Hymn:**  
**"Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine"**  
**TFWS #2266**

**(Verse 1)**

Here is bread, here is wine:  
Christ is with us: He is with us.  
Break the bread; taste the wine:  
Christ is with us here.

**(Verse 2)**

Here is grace, here is peace:  
Christ is with us: He is with us.  
Know His grace; find His peace:  
Feast on Jesus here.

**(Chorus)**

In this bread there is healing;  
In this cup there's life forever.  
In this moment by the Spirit  
Christ is with us here.

**(Verse 3)**

Here we are, joined in one:  
Christ is with us: He is with us.  
We'll proclaim 'til He comes  
Jesus crucified.

**(Chorus)**

In this bread there is healing;  
In this cup there's life forever.  
In this moment by the Spirit  
Christ is with us here.

**Closing Song:**

**"How Great Is Our God"**  
**Tomlin, Reeves & Cash**

The splendor of the King  
Clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice,  
All the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light,  
And darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice,  
And trembles at His voice.

**(Chorus)**

**How great is our God,  
Sing with me,  
How great is our God;  
And all will see how great,  
How great is our God.**

And age to age He stands,  
And time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the End,  
Beginning and the End.

The Godhead, Three in One,  
Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb,  
The Lion and the Lamb.

**(Chorus)**

**How great is our God,  
Sing with me,  
How great is our God;  
And all will see how great,  
How great is our God.**

**Bridge (2X)**

Name above all names,  
Worthy of all praise;  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God.

**(Last Chorus)**

**How great is our God,  
Sing with me,  
How great is our God;  
And all will see how great,  
How great is our God.**

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

Please stay for a few minutes following today's service to help pack **lunch bags for E.H.A.P.** This will only take a few minutes and any time you can give is appreciated.

**This is the FINAL Sunday to give to our Collection for First Responders:** Monetary donations should be put in a "Special Offering" envelope (located in the pews). Checks should be labeled "First Responders" (in the memo line). The money will be divided three ways and given to each branch. Our First Responders are always so grateful for your generosity.

Join us this **Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** in Wesley Hall for our Soul Supper. The menu will be Ham, Roasted Vegetables, Salad and Dessert. Please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend.

**FUMC will be hosting the Lenten Lunch and Prayer service on March 11<sup>th</sup>.** Help is needed to provide food for the luncheon...and we all know we have AMAZING cooks and bakers here! There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

**On March 23 at 2:00pm**  
**Elizabeth Circle will be stuffing 150 plastic Easter Eggs**  
**for FUMC's annual Easter Egg Hunt**  
(which is open to the community and is to be held on Sat. April 4)

Your help would be appreciated by donating "goodies" to put inside the eggs

Things like:

Small toys (2 inches or less)

Wrapped candies

Stickers



There will be a basket on the table in the "Mission Hall" to put your donations. Thank you

**March Birthdays**

(3) Nenita Zurick	(10) Dylan Pierce	(16) Brittany Kaiser	(23) Thomas Heulton
(4) Rev. Yoseb Jeon	(11) Sue Hager	(16) Andy Schwarzkopf	(24) Gregg Kaiser
(4) Mary Sterling	(12) Abigail Davala	(17) Susan Zuckerman	(27) Glenn Meredith
(4) Ben Sciortino	(15) Bryan Sampieri	(19) Laura Gatti	(30) Rob Zuckerman
			<b>(31) In memory of</b> <b>Joanne McKinney (90<sup>th</sup>)</b>

**This Week at a Glance (March 1 – March 8)**

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)  
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)  
7:30 p.m. - Board of Trustees Meeting (In Person)  
Wednesday: \*\*\* **No Bible Study Class Today**  
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)  
7:30 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Classroom)  
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)  
6:00 p.m. - Soul Supper (Wesley Hall)  
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
Friday: \*\*\*  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall till 4:00 p.m.)  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Seekers Study (Seekers Classroom)  
8:45 a.m. - Sunday School (Classrooms)  
9:00 a.m. - Joyful Noise Rehearsal (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)  
5:00 p.m. - iZion Christian Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)

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

\*\*\* No Events Scheduled



**FREEHOLD CLERGY ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES 2026  
PLEASE JOIN US AS WE PRAY, LEARN, AND EAT TOGETHER**

TOPIC: BREAKING OPEN THE SYMBOLS OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH DURING THE LENTEN SEASON

**12:00 NOON: LUNCH**

**12:30 PM: PRAYER**

**1:00 PM LUNCH**

March 4	First Assembly of God 272 Jackson Mills Road	Msgr. Sam Siriani “Ashes”
March 11	First United Methodist Church 91 W. Main Street	Rev. Matt Jones “The Torn Curtain”
March 18	Bethel AME at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine 61 Georgia Road	Bishop Fred Rubin “The Wash Basin & The Towel”
March 25	The Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Ballarmine 61 Georgia Road	Rev. Ruth Scott “The Alabaster Flask”
<b>Good Friday:</b> April 3	Freehold Baptist Church 81 West Main Street	Rev. Jonathan Glass-Riley “The Crown of Thorns”

**NO LUNCH – MEETING BEGINS AT 12 PM**