

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold  
Bulletin**

**Sunday, May 12, 2024  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day**

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| Announcements:                             |   | Verl McKinney     |
| Prelude:                                   | "How Can I Keep From Singing"<br>FUMC Choir   | Arr. R. Kingsmore |
| Welcome:                                   |   | Rev. Yoseb Jeon   |
| *Call to Worship:                          |   | Rev. Yoseb Jeon   |
| Leader:                                    | Jesus prayed for his disciples, giving them into God's eternal care.  |                   |
| <b>People:</b>                             | <b>Jesus prays for us, giving us into God's care.</b>   |                   |
| Leader:                                    | Know that you have been blessed with the love of the Savior.  |                   |
| <b>People:</b>                             | <b>We live in that love and seek to serve God.</b>  |                   |
| Leader:                                    | Open your hearts and spirits now to hear God's word.  |                   |
| <b>People:</b>                             | <b>May our lives be open to God's Spirit and reflect God's love. AMEN.</b>  |                   |
| *Opening Prayer: (In Unison)               |   |                   |
|  | <b>As we come together on this special Sunday, we are reminded of your boundless love that surrounds us always. Just as Jesus prayed for his disciples, we thank you for your unwavering love and the gift of your presence in our lives. Help us to be ever mindful of your love, which sustains us through all seasons of life and fills us with hope and joy. As we honor mothers and mother figures today, may we see in them a reflection of your nurturing love, and may your love continue to inspire and guide us each day. Amen.</b> |                   |
| *Opening Hymn:                             | "Faith of Our Mothers"<br><i>(Tune of "Faith of Our Fathers" UMH #710)</i>  | Mitch Samu        |
| *Praise Song:                              | "You Are Mine"  | TFWS #2218        |
| Introduction to Prayer                     |   |                   |
|  | <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 Hymn:                               | "Surely the Presence of the Lord"   | UMH #328          |
| Pastoral Prayer:                           |   | Rev. Yoseb Jeon   |
| The Lord's Prayer:                         |   | UMH #895          |
| Scripture Reading:                         | John 17:6-19  | Bob Sterling      |
| Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace |   |                   |
|  | <i>[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form:<br/><a href="http://www.freeholdmethodist.org">www.freeholdmethodist.org</a>]</i>   |                   |
| Sermon:                                    | "Protect Them in Your Name"   | Rev. Yoseb Jeon   |

## Litany for Blessings of Women

**All:** Lord, we thank you for the many examples of faithful women in Scripture, like Sarah, Ruth, Hannah, Esther, Elizabeth, and Lois. Hear now the first names of other women who have inspired us by their motherly examples. We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say — Yes to your calling. May these women gathered here today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor: For our mothers, who have given us life and love, may we show them reverence and love,  
**Congregation: We pray to the Lord.**

Pastor: For moms whose children are grown,  
**Congregation: We pray to the Lord.**

Pastor: For new moms experiencing changes they could not predict,  
**Congregation: We pray to the Lord.**

Pastor: For pregnant women who will soon be moms,  
**Congregation: We pray to the Lord.**

Pastor: For women who, though without children of their own, like mothers have nurtured and cared for us,  
**Congregation: We pray to the Lord.**

Pastor: For moms who face the demands of single parenthood,  
**Congregation: We pray to the Lord.**

Pastor: For moms who are raising their children in poverty,  
**Congregation: We pray to the Lord.**

Pastor: For moms who are separated from their children,  
**Congregation: We pray to the Lord.**

Pastor: For girls and women who think about being moms,  
**Congregation: We pray to the Lord.**

Pastor: For mothers who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families,  
**Congregation: We pray to the Lord.**

Pastor: Loving Mother God, like an earthly mother who gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless every Christian mother. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.  
**Congregation: Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.**

**All: Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Offering Time: The Mother's Day Special Offering will benefit EPA/GNJ's **#For Tanzania Campaign**. Your donation will help the EPA/GNJ conferences reach the goal of building a church in Dar es Salaam and support Tanzanian pastors. Our gift will be presented at the Annual Conference.

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

Offertory: "Salut d'Amour" Edward Elgar  
Chloe Jeon, Violin / Yoonjung Jeon, Piano

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

\*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

**Glorious God, may these gifts bring glory to you and grace to your world. May our lives and our ministry reflect your love, and may we spread your message of love throughout the world. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn: "Stand By Me" Blaire Reinhard Band

\*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

\*Postlude: "Stand By Me" Blaire Reinhard Band  
(Reprise)

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### Scripture Passage for Sunday, May 12, 2024

Liturgist: **Bob Sterling**

#### John 17:6-19 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

<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. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them in your name that<sub>[a]</sub> you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost,<sub>[b]</sub> so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.<sub>[c]</sub> <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup> I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.<sub>[d]</sub> <sup>16</sup> They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Opening Hymn:**

**"Faith of Our Mothers"**

*(Tune of "Faith of Our Fathers" UMH #710)*

Faith of our mothers, living still  
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;  
In nursery lore and fireside love,  
Thy presence still pervades the air.  
Faith of our mothers, living faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, loving faith,  
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,  
Oh, may thy consecration prove  
Source of a finer, nobler race;  
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,  
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,  
How blurred our vision, blind our way,  
Thy providential care without.  
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,  
In truth beyond our stumbling creeds,  
Still serve the home and save the Church,  
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds;  
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.

**Praise Hymn:**

**"You Are Mine"**

**TFWS #2218**

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.

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

**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.**

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.

**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.**

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

**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.**

(End)

**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.**

**Prayer Hymn:**  
**“Surely the Presence of the Lord”**  
**UMH #328**

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

(Repeat)

**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 Hymn:**  
**“Stand By Me”**  
**Blaire Reinhard Band**

(Verse 1)

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.  
When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.  
When the world is tossing me  
Like a ship out on the sea  
Thou who rulest the wind and water, stand by me.

(Refrain)

**Stand by me every day.**  
**Stand by me as I walk**  
**When I’m down, pick me up,**  
**Help me to drink from this bitter cup.**  
**Oh Lord, Oh Lord, Oh won’t you stand by me.**

(Verse 2)

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me.  
In the midst of tribulation, stand by me.  
When the hosts of hell assail,  
And my strength begins to fail,  
Thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.

(Refrain)

**Stand by me every day.**  
**Stand by me as I walk**  
**When I’m down, pick me up,**  
**Help me to drink from this bitter cup.**  
**Oh Lord, Oh Lord, oh won’t you stand by me.**

(Verse 3)

In the midst of my faults and failures, stand by me.  
In the midst of my faults and failures, stand by me.  
Well, I’m doing the best I can,  
And my friends misunderstand.  
Thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.

(Refrain)

**Stand by me every day.**  
**Stand by me as I walk**  
**When I’m down, pick me up,**  
**Help me to drink from this bitter cup.**  
**Oh Lord, Oh Lord, oh won’t you stand by me.**

**May 12, 2024**  
**Announcements:**

**Happy Mother's Day! 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** are donated by Ray and Anita Ritchie, in honor of Christine's birthday, and in memory of their moms.

Next Sunday is **Pentecost Sunday**, so remember to wear red!

The next **AdvenChurch** event will be The Freehold Porch Fest, next Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. Walk around to the different events happening in town. No RSVP required. Contact Kathy Mulholland if you are interested in a group lunch at the church – [kathymommy@aol.com](mailto:kathymommy@aol.com), 732-642-1779

More information can be found in the Newsletter and at: <https://www.facebook.com/FreeholdArts>

**Community News:**

**Monmouth Civic Chorus Presents: "All That Sparkles – Your Favorites from our First 75 Years".**

Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Freehold.

Tickets: [Monmouthcivicchorus.org](http://Monmouthcivicchorus.org)

**This Week at a Glance (May 13 – May 19)**

Monday: 7:00 p.m. – Jersey Girls (Wesley Hall)  
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)  
7:00 p.m. - "Second Tuesday" Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study (Coffee Room)  
7:30 p.m. – Seventh Day Adventist Church (Lounge)  
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)  
7:00 p.m. - Social Justice Committee Meeting (Church)  
Friday: - \*\*\*  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. – Seekers Class  
8:45 a.m. - Children Sunday School (Classrooms)  
9:00 a.m. – Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
10:00 a.m. – Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:15 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
(Nursery care for our youngest members is available during worship service.)

\*\*\*No events scheduled

*May Birthdays*

(17) Sharon Shutzer (20) Connor Groh  
(18) Susan Wilson (21) Virginia Sologuren  
(19) Annabel Minty (21) Vivian Walters  
(20) Myra Pierce (30) Stephanie Walters-Laurino