

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold  
Bulletin**

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*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: Sharon Shutzer

Prelude: "Amazing Grace"

Welcome: Pastor, Wil Wilson

\*Call to Worship:

Leader: Sing praises to God, you people of faith.

**People: We give thanks to God, who heals and restores.**

Leader: Praise God, who transforms us, who heals and loves us.

**People: Praise God, who clothes us with joy.**

Leader: Do not be silent. Praise the Lord!

**People: We give thanks, our God, today and always.**

\*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

**Wisdom of God, come and dwell among us. We gather to hear your word, and to sing your praise. We come as we are, trusting that your grace will perfect us. Interrupt our lives with your vision of truth and love. We praise you now and always. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" UMH #173

\*Song: "Cry of My Heart" TFWS #2165

Prayer Hymn: "Amazing Grace" UMH #378

*[The acolyte will collect your prayer requests at this time. For those worshiping from home, please submit your prayer requests in the online attendance sheet or, email the church office and they will be lifted up at next Sunday's service.]*

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor, Wil Wilson

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-6 Anita Ritchie

Sermon: "We Are Witnesses: Who Are You, Lord?" Pastor, Wil Wilson

Offering: Today's **Special Offering** will benefit **Native American Ministries**. *Your generous gift helps in the education of Native American seminarians and empowers Native American outreach.*

Offertory: "Are You Listening?" Mitch Samu

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

\*Offering Prayer:

**O God, you have power and wisdom and might. You deserve honor and glory. We come to you, Holy One, blessed by your abundant life, to offer ourselves as your faithful workers. We bring our gifts this day, trusting that they will serve your people. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

Celebration of Communion:

\*Sung Responses: "Communion Settings"

UMH pages 12-14  
TFWS #2257 (b, c, d)

Communion Hymn:

"Give Me Jesus"

African American Spiritual

Prayer: (In Unison)

UMH page 39

**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 Hymn:

"How Great Is Our God"

Tomlin, Reeves & Cash

\*Benediction:

Pastor, Wil Wilson

\*Postlude

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## **Scripture Passage for Sunday, May 1, 2022**

**Liturgist: Anita Ritchie**

### **Acts 9:1-6**

9 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5 He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Opening Hymn:**  
**Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**  
**UMH #173**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by thee;  
Joyless is the day's return,  
Till thy mercy's beams I see;  
Till they inward light impart,  
Cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine;  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, Radiancy divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

**Song:**  
**Cry of My Heart**  
**TFWS #2165**

It is the cry of my heart  
To follow You.

It is the cry of my heart  
To be close to You.

It is the cry of my heart  
To follow

All of the days of my life.

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,  
So I can walk in Your truth.

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,  
And make me wholly devoted to You.

It is the cry of my heart  
To follow You.

It is the cry of my heart  
To be close to You.

It is the cry of my heart  
To follow

All of the days of my life.

Open my eyes so I can see  
The wonderful things that You do.  
Open my heart up more and more,  
And make me wholly devoted to You.

It is the cry of my heart  
To follow You.

It is the cry of my heart  
To be close to You.

It is the cry of my heart  
To follow

All of the days of my life.

All of the days of my life (4X)

**Prayer Hymn  
Amazing Grace  
UMH #378**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

**Doxology**

**"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

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.

**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 if 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:  
Give Me Jesus  
African American Spiritual**

In the morning when I rise,  
In the morning when I rise,  
In the morning when I rise,  
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus,  
Give me Jesus,  
You may all have this world,  
Give me Jesus.

I heard my mother say,  
I heard my mother say,  
I heard my mother say,  
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus,  
Give me Jesus,  
You may all have this world,  
Give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry,  
Dark midnight was my cry,  
Dark midnight was my cry,  
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus,  
Give me Jesus,  
You may all have this world,  
Give me Jesus.

Oh, when I come to die,  
Oh, when I come to die,  
Oh, when I come to die,  
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus,  
Give me Jesus,  
You may all have this world,  
Give me Jesus.

**Closing Hymn:  
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.

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.

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)

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

How great is our God!  
Sing with me,  
"How great is our God!"  
And all will see how great,  
How great is our God!