

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, April 23, 2023
3rd Sunday of Easter**

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Call to Worship: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Leader: Come walk with us.

People: We will join the journey.

Leader: Let us talk together.

People: We will listen and speak.

Leader: Christ goes with us.

People: Jesus speaks to us through the glory of God's creation and guides our steps. Amen.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Holy One, we are often confused by the events in our world. Come and walk with us. Open our hearts to hear your truth. Plant the seed of new life within us. In trust of your loving presence, we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "He Lives" UMH #310

*Praise Song: "How Great Are You Lord" L. DeShazo

Introduction to Prayer

[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: "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" UMH #357
(v. 1, 2, 6)

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: James 3:1-5 Pamela Wentworth

Sermon: "Let There Be Words" Rev. James Lee

Offering Time: Today's Special Offering will benefit **Native American Ministries**. Gifts to Native American Sunday fund urban ministries with Native Americans, scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist seminaries, and annual conference Native American ministries.

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "How Great Thou Art" Stuart K. Hine
(Instrumental – Mitch Samu, Piano)

*Doxology:

“He Is Exalted”

TFWS #2070

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God of love, source of all goodness, you hear our cries and you answer. With grateful hearts, we bring our gifts to you. We bring our offerings, as a gift of thanksgiving for your presence in our lives. We are your servants, and we offer ourselves with joy. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn:

“Better Is One Day”

M. Redman

*Benediction:

Rev. James Lee

*Postlude

Scripture Passage for Sunday, April 23, 2023

Liturgist: Pamela Wentworth

James 3:1-5 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

Taming the Tongue

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. **2** For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect,^[a] able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. **3** If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. **4** Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. **5** So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a such a small fire!

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:

**He Lives
UMH #310**

(Verse 1)

I serve a risen Savior,
He's in the world today;
I know that He is living,
Whatever foes may say.
I see His hand of mercy,
I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him,
He's always near.

(Chorus)

**He lives, He lives,
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives,
Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.**

(Verse 2)

In all the world around me
I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary,
I never will despair.
I know that He is leading
Through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing
Will come at last.

(Chorus)

(Verse 3)

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him,
The Help of all who find;
None other is so loving,
So good and kind.

(Chorus)

Praise Hymn:

**How Great Are You Lord
DeShazo**

(Chorus)

How great are You Lord
How great is Your mercy
How great are the things
That You have done for me
How great are You Lord
Your loving kindness
Is filling my heart as I sing
How great are You Lord

(Verse)

How great is Your love
It reaches to the heavens
How great is the heart
That sought and rescued me

Prayer Hymn:

**Just as I Am, Without One Plea
UMH #357 (v. 1, 2, 6)**

(Verse 1)

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy Blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

(Verse 2)

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee Whose Blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Verse 6

Just as I am, Thy Love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**Doxology:
He Is Exalted
TFWS #2070**

(Verse)

He is exalted,
The King is exalted on high;
I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted
And I will praise His name!

(Chorus)

He is the Lord,
Forever His truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted,
The King is exalted on high.

**Closing Hymn:
Better Is One Day
Redman**

(Verse 1)

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

(Chorus)

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(Than thousands elsewhere)

(Verse 2)

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells
(REPEAT)

(Bridge)

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You

(Bridge)

Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere
Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere

(End)

Than thousands elsewhere

April 23, 2023 - 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. Today we welcome guest preacher, Rev. James Lee, Director of Communications for the Eastern Pennsylvania and Greater New Jersey Conference.

Pastor Lee will be leading a Communications Workshop following today's service.

Please note: The child abuse reporting number on the gold cards given out last week is **correct**. To report child abuse, call: **1-877-NJ-ABUSE** (1-877-652-2873) Pick up a wallet card from the table in Fellowship Hall.

The Maker's Place is hosting an **Open House** this afternoon from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at their facility in Ewing, NJ. Stop by for a tour, refreshments, fellowship and prayer. The address is: 1985 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ. 08618.

Come enjoy an evening of fellowship and music at United Theatre's "**Open Mic Night**" – **Next Saturday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall.** Tickets are \$5. Concessions will be sold at the event. Find us on Facebook and Instagram at United Theatre Inc. Performers can sign up through the links in The Newsletter, and Facebook and Instagram under United Theatre. Or contact us at: unitedtheatreinc@gmail.com to sign up.

Schedule some time with Pastor Yoseb. Beginning in May, Pastor Yoseb would like to spend some one-on-one time with our church members for an informal chat, prayer, exchange of ideas, etc. If you are home and would like a visit from our pastor, please let us know. So, check your calendars, and find a day in May that works for you. Then contact the pastor, or call the church office to schedule.

Stitcher's Circle: This needlework group will meet next on Thursday, April 27, 2023 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the church. All skill levels are welcome, including beginners.

A.A.U.W. is now accepting used books. Books should be dropped off at the Brookdale campus in Freehold on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. Books will NOT be accepted after May 15th. If you have any questions, please see Vivian Tedrow.

E.H.A.P. (The Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program) needs travel sized deodorant and travel sized shaving cream. Please place your donations in the E.H.A.P. bin in Missions Hall.

The Freehold Borough Community Wide Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 13th from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, May 14th. For more information, see the flyers in Fellowship Hall and Missions Hall.

Grocery Cards (Shop Rite, Acme, and Stop & Shop) will be sold after service.

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated by Anne Mayer and Dan Tagatac in honor of David's birthday.

Update from the Finance Committee:

In terms of the Operating Fund, the church income includes that received in general offerings and other income sources such as building rental and fundraising activities. Church expenses include salaries, insurance, utilities, maintenance, conference obligations and other costs to keep the church operating.

FUMC Operating Fund Update		
	1st quarter	year to date
income	\$ 65,759	\$ 65,759
expenses	\$ 61,917	\$ 61,917
net income	\$ 3,842	\$ 3,842
Operating Fund Balance		
start of the year		\$ 19,235
end of 1st quarter		\$ 22,246
change		\$ 3,011

Note: The difference between the net income and the change in the balance involves fluctuations in the amount of grocery cards currently held.

Note: More major property maintenance and improvement projects are covered by the Trustees who maintain a separate account.

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**Safe Sanctuaries Summary
First United Methodist Church
Freehold, NJ**

How we protect our children and vulnerable adults:

1. Volunteers attend our church regularly for 6 months before working with these populations.
2. Background checks are completed for staff and volunteers.
3. Volunteers and staff complete the Greater NJ Conference training on-line.
4. Each classroom contains an unshaded window in a door or a Dutch door.
5. Two adults are present at all times in the nursery, Sunday School, and other children’s programs where parents are not present.
6. Two adults are present during programs for vulnerable adults.
7. Adults working with children are at least 5 years older than the oldest child.
8. One-on-one counseling is done within sight of another adult.
9. Church computers are password protected.
10. The church offers annual training in the Safe Sanctuary policy to the congregation.

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(1-877-652-2873**

To report vulnerable adult abuse, call: **732-531-9191** during business hours or 911 at all other times.