

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, April 21, 2024
4th Sunday of Easter**

Announcements: Sharon Shutzer

Prelude

Welcome: Sharon Shutzer

*Call to Worship: Sharon Shutzer

Leader: The God of all shepherds has called us here.

People: We come today, celebrating God's love for us.

Leader: The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.

People: We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.

Leader: The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

People: We come today, ready to celebrate and to praise God. AMEN.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words, and our souls may be stirred into active service for your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. AMEN.

*Opening Hymn: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH #57
(v. 1, 2, 3)

*Praise Song: "Lamb of God" TFWS #2113

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: "Lead Me, Guide Me" TFWS #2214

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Baptism of Johanna Jade Moss
(See Baptism Liturgy Insert)

Scripture Reading: John 10:11-18 Gilbert Heulton

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]

Message: "The Good Shepherd for Everyone" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for the month of April will benefit **Rise Against Hunger**.

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "Arise" Paul Baloché
FUMC Choir

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

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

As the Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep, may we, too, strive to serve our neighbors. Whether next door, across town, or around the world, may God bless our prayers, our gifts, and our ministries. In Christ's name, we present these gifts. Amen.

*Closing Song: "Up from the Grave He Arose" UMH #322

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude: "Up from the Grave He Arose" UMH #322
(Reprise)

Scripture Passage
April 21, 2024

Liturgist: Gilbert Heaton

John 10:11-18

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes_[a] it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (v. 1, 2, 3)
UMH #57

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thru all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Praise Song:
“Lamb of God”
TFWS #2113

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love, they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died,
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood -
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side,
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood -
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Prayer Song:
“Lead Me, Guide Me”
TFWS #2214

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(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:
"Up from the Grave He Arose"
UMH #322**

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

**Up from the grave he arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

**Up from the grave he arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior,
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

**Up from the grave he arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

HOLY BAPTISM

BAPTISM CANDIDATE: JOHANNA JADE MOSS
PARENTS: NICHOLAS EZEKIEL MOSS & ASHLEY DAWN MOSS

APRIL 21, 2024

REV. YOSEB JEON

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM



INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Brothers and sisters in Christ:
Through the Sacrament of Baptism
 we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.
We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
 and given new birth through water and the Spirit.
All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE:

Verl McKinney, Lay Leader

I present **JOHANNA JADE MOSS** for baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Parents and other sponsors respond:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
 reject the evil powers of this world,
 and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
 to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
 in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
 to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture this child, **JOHANNA JADE MOSS**,
 in Christ's holy Church,
that by your teaching and example she may be guided
 to accept God's grace for herself,
 to profess her faith openly,
 and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

The congregation responds:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include this child now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround her
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that she may grow in her service to others.**

**We will pray for her,
that she may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

The congregation, the parents and sponsors respond together:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy *catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray.

*Almighty God, the life you birthed in us
by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die.
Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.*

Your healing river flows.

Your Spirit blows where you will.

We cannot stop you, God!

But sometimes we try.

*We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit,
or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream
that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power.*

We parch ourselves.

We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.

Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

Glory to you!

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Christian, JOHANNA JADE I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome
our new child in Christ.

**Through baptism
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you
as a member of the family of Christ.**

PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God,
I commend this child to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase her faith,
confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

The congregation responds:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of the First United Methodist Church of Freehold,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

BLESSING

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish you and strengthen you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.

Announcements

April 21, 2024

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 donated by Kathy Kane, in memory of James Kane.

Everyone is invited to join our **Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event** on Sunday, May 5th at 2:00 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Have you reserved your spot for the **Elizabeth Circle 2024 Retreat** “Spiritual Preparation for the Storms of Life”? The retreat will run from Sunday, September 29 – Tuesday, October 1st at The Carriage House, Ocean Grove. \$375/person (\$100 deposit is required to hold your space). Register with Melanie Bowen. All women of the church are invited to attend.

The first **AdvenChurch** event has been planned –

What: Play: “Murder on the Orient Express”

When: Sunday, April 28th at 3:00 p.m.

Where: Music Mountain Theatre, Lambertville, NJ

More details can be found in the Newsletter, and on the posters in Fellowship and Missions Halls.

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

Community News:

Come support Pastor Yoseb, Charlie Mongano, 2nd Tuesday, and others as they perform in United Theatre’s **“Open Mic Night” – Saturday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall.** Whether you want to show off your talent, or just relax and enjoy the entertainment, it’s sure to be a good time. Tickets are \$5. Concessions will be sold at the event. Find us on Unitedtheatreinc.org and on Facebook and Instagram at **United Theatre Inc.** or contact us at: unitedtheatreinc@gmail.com to sign up to perform.

This Week at a Glance (April 22 – April 28)

Monday: 2:00 p.m. – Elizabeth Circle (Wesley Hall)

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)

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)

2:00 p.m. - Stitcher’s Circle (Coffee Room)

Friday: ***

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

7:00 p.m. - United Theatre’s OPEN MIC NIGHT (Wesley Hall)

7:30 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church Spring Evangelical Meeting (Sanctuary)

Sunday: **8:30 a.m. – Seekers Class**

8:45 a.m. - Children’s Sunday School (Classrooms)

9:00 a.m. – Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

10:00 a.m. – Worship (Sanctuary)

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

***No events scheduled