

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold**  
**Bulletin**  
*Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024*  
**Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

Announcements:		Dan Tagatac
Prelude:	"Now the Green Blade Riseth" Ken Budka, Soloist	J.M.C. Crum
Welcome:		Dan Tagatac
*Call to Worship:		Dan Tagatac
Leader:	This very day, God has acted.	
<b>People:</b>	<b>Today, we will rejoice and be glad!</b>	
Leader:	We know the message that God sends to all people.	
<b>People:</b>	<b>God's peace, preached by Jesus Christ, is available to all through the Lord of life.</b>	
Leader:	The one who lived among us,	
<b>People:</b>	<b>doing good and healing all,</b>	
Leader:	was crucified, dead and buried.	
<b>People:</b>	<b>But God raised him on the third day.</b>	
Leader:	This very day, God has acted.	
<b>People:</b>	<b>Today, we will rejoice and be glad!</b>	
*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)		
<b>God, just as you raised Jesus from the dead, you offer us new and transformed lives in the risen Christ. We rejoice and give thanks for this good news, which has been handed down to us from generation to generation. May we, too, be witnesses of Jesus, who you anointed with the Holy Spirit to bring blessings of mercy and healing. May we be witnesses of Jesus' suffering and death, and how he meets us in the broken places of our lives. Most of all, may we be witnesses of the resurrection, sharing your promise of forgiveness and grace with all people. This is your doing, O God. It is marvelous in our eyes. Amen.</b>		
*Opening Hymn:	"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (v. 1-4)	UMH #302
*Praise Hymn:	"In Christ Alone"	Getty & Townend
Introduction to Prayer:		Rev. Yoseb Jeon
Prayer Hymn:	"Surely the Presence of the Lord"	UMH #328
	<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>	
Pastoral Prayer:		Rev. Yoseb Jeon
The Lord's Prayer:		UMH #895
Scripture Reading:	Mark 16:1-8	Ed Bowen

Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace

*[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form:*

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Sermon:

“Go to Galilee”

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Apostle’s Creed: (In Unison)

UMH #881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;**

**And 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, dead and buried;  
The third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**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. Amen**

Offering: Our Easter Offering will benefit UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

Offertory:

“Arise”  
F.U.M.C. Choir

Paul Baloché

\*Doxology:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

\*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

**Holy God, thank you for your goodness and mercy, especially for the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. May these offerings, and indeed our very lives, become a witness to all people, of the salvation and grace you bring into the world. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn:

“To God Be the Glory”

UMH #98

\*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

\*Postlude:

“There’s No One in This World Like Jesus”  
(V. 1 & Chorus)

Trad. Shona, Zimbabwe

**The Resurrection of Jesus**

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup> So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.<sup>[a]</sup>

The Word of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

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**Opening Hymn:  
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"  
UMH #302**

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

**Praise Hymn:  
"In Christ Alone"  
Getty & Townend**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For every sin on Him was laid.  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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

(Chorus)  
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 angel's wings,  
I see the glory on each face;  
Surely the presence  
Of the Lord is in this place.

**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:**  
**“To God Be the Glory”**  
**UMH #98**

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.

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!

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.

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!

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.

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!

**Postlude:**  
**“There’s No One in This World Like Jesus”**  
**Trad. Shona, Zimbabwe**

(2X)

There’s no one in this world like Jesus,  
There’s no one in this world like him;  
There’s no one in this world like Jesus,  
There’s no one, there’s no one like him.

(2X)

I’m running, running, searching, searching,  
I’m turning, turning, searching, searching.  
I’m searching, searching everywhere.  
There’s no one, there’s no one like him.

**March 31, 2024 - Announcements:**

**Welcome to worship at the First United Methodist Church of Freehold on this Easter Sunday. Whether you are joining us online or are here in person, we are glad you are with us.**

**If you purchased Easter Flowers, you may take them home with you after service, or during the week during office hours.**

The **Elizabeth Circle 2024 Retreat** “Spiritual Preparation for the Storms of Life” will run from Sunday, September 29 – Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 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. SPACE IS LIMITED AND A WAITLIST WILL BE MAINTAINED.

**Introducing AdvenChurch:** Deepen friendships via shared experiences with your FUMC family, and beyond. Do you want to know about various trips and outings you can take with church friends and family? Events will range from only barely adventurous day-trips to moderately strenuous group walks; exploring local sites to trying something new. We’ll strive for variety, with offerings for different ages, schedules, abilities, budgets and interests. All details will be included with each invitation/announcement. Anyone may join! Send your email address to Kathy Mulholland at [kathymommy@aol.com](mailto:kathymommy@aol.com) to join the contact list or offer trip/event suggestions.

Mark your calendars for **Vacation Bible School** – June 25-28. All ages are welcome to attend.

Come out for an evening of music and refreshments at United Theatre’s **“Open Mic Night” – Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Facebook and Instagram at **United Theatre Inc.** or contact us at: [unitedtheatreinc@gmail.com](mailto:unitedtheatreinc@gmail.com) to sign up.

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

**This Week at a Glance (April 1 – April 7)**

Monday: – Easter Monday  
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)  
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)  
9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
10:00 a.m. – Worship (Sanctuary)  
(Nursery care for our youngest members is available during worship service.)

\*\*\*No events scheduled

### *March Birthdays*

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| (1) Carly Mento            | (16) Andy Schwarzkopf  |
| (1) Lindsey Duarte         | (16) Brittany Kaiser   |
| (2) Nenita Zurick          | (17) Susan Zuckerman   |
| <b>(4) Rev. Yoseb Jeon</b> | (19) Laura Gatti       |
| (4) Mary Sterling          | (23) Thomas Healton    |
| (4) Ben Sciortino          | (23) Morgan Cronin     |
| (8) O'Neil Peart           | (24) Gregg Kaiser      |
| (10) Dylan Pierce          | (26) Matthew McQuillan |
| (11) Sue Hager             | (27) Glenn Meredith    |
| (12) Abigail Davala        | (30) Rob Zuckerman     |
| (15) Bryan Sampieri        | (31) Joanne McKinney   |

### *April Birthdays*

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| (1) Rose Kelly               | (13) Elizabeth Cortijo  |
| (4) Floyd Bennett            | (16) Jordan Avallone    |
| (5) Sue Strauss              | (17) Kathryn Bowen Groh |
| (5) Courtney Kaiser          | (19) David Tagatac      |
| (6) Camryn Calcao            | (20) Ashley Sterling    |
| (7) Jane Strauss             | (20) Daniel Jeon        |
| (7) Abigail Wentworth Joseph | (20) Peggy Gerin        |
| (10) Jessica McQuillan       | (22) Karen Bennett      |
| (11) Pam Temple              | (23) Kathy Kane         |
| (11) David Moore             | (26) Colin Gorman       |
| (13) Jessica Gorman McKenzie | (28) Lauren McQuillan   |