

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, May 7, 2023
5th Sunday of Easter**

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Call to Worship: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Leader: We gather together in a time of uncertainty and doubts.

People: Help us, God, to see our questions and open our hearts.

Leader: Even though we are stubborn and lost, we are searching.

People: Hear our prayers and help our unbelief.

All: May your grace shine on us and open our eyes.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

God of love and compassion, there are times when we doubt that situations will improve in the world or in our personal lives. Help us, Lord, to put on patience for your work to be done in us and around us. Let us witness your power, compassion, and faithfulness in ways we have not known before. Deepen our faith so that your light will grow in us as witnesses in the world. We thank you for your mercy and grace. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “The Church’s One Foundation” UMH #545
(v. 1, 2, 5)

*Praise Song: “Open the Eyes of My Heart” P. Baloché

Prayer Hymn: “Give Thanks” TFWS #2036

Pastoral 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.]

Scripture Reading: John 20:24-28 Ed Bowen

Sermon: “Rising of Thomas” Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: Offering: We are collecting an offering for the Annual Conference. Offerings will benefit Hurricane Ida Relief. Please make checks out to FUMC and please mark all envelopes “Annual Conference Offering”. Donations can be made through our Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: “Come As You Are” Glover, Crowder, & Maher
(Joyful Noise)

*Doxology: “Thank You God” Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

As we give you our offerings, help us, God, to remember those less fortunate. Like Thomas, help us see through our doubts and use our gifts as a token of grace, reaching out to help those in need.

*Passing of the Peace

Celebration of Communion:

*Sung Responses: "Communion Settings"

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

Communion Hymn:

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

UMH #64

Prayer: (In Unison)

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:

"My Savior, My God"

Shust & Greenwald

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Passage for Sunday, May 7, 2023

Liturgist: Ed Bowen

John 20:24-28 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin^[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
The Church's One Foundation (v. 1, 2, 5)
UMH #545

(Verse 1)

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

(Verse 2)

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

(Verse 5)

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

Praise Hymn:
Open the Eyes of My Heart
P. Baloche

(Chorus)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You.

(Repeat)

(Verse)

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

(Chorus)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You.

(Repeat)

(Verse)

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

(Bridge)

Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You.

Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You.

(End)

Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You.

Prayer Hymn:

Give Thanks

TFWS #2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ His Son

(X2)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us."

(X2)

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

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(X2)

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Let the poor say, "I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us."

(X2)

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

Offertory

Come As You Are

Glover, Crowder, & Maher

(Verse 1)

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been,

Come broken-hearted let rescue begin.

Come find your mercy, O sinner, come kneel

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

(Chorus)

(So) Lay down your burdens,

Lay down your shame.

All who are broken, lift up your face.

O wanderer, come home,

You're not too far.

So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,

Come as you are.

(Verse 2)

There's hope for the hopeless

And all those who've strayed.

Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.

There's rest for the weary,

Rest that endures,

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Bridge)

Come as you are,

Fall in His arms,

Come as you are.

(Verse 3)

There's joy for the morning, O sinner, be still.

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Ending)

Come as you are,

Come as you are,

Come as you are.

Doxology:
Thank You God
Mitch Samu

Thank you God,
Thank you God,
Thank you God,
For giving me this life I get to live.

Thank you God,
Love you God,
Praise you God,
Forever I will give all I can give.

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:
Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty
UMH #64

(Verse 1)
Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons,
Blessed Trinity!

(Verse 2)
Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art,
And evermore shalt be.

(Verse 3)
Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy;
There is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power,
In love and purity.

(Verse 4)
Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
In earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons,
Blessed Trinity.

**Closing Hymn:
My Savior, My God
Shust & Grenwald**

I am not skilled to understand
What God has willed, what God has planned;
I only know at His right hand
Stands One who is my Savior.

I take Him at His word and deed;
Christ died to save me, this I read.
And in my heart I find a need
Of Him to be my Savior.

That He would leave His place on high
And come for sinful man to die.
You count it strange so once did I
Before I knew my Savior.

(Chorus)
My Savior loves, my Savior lives,
My Savior's always there for me,
My God He was, my God He is,
My God is always gonna be.
(REPEAT)

Yes, living, dying, let me bring
My strength, my solace from this spring,
That He who lives to be my King,
Once died to be my Savior.

That He would leave His place on high
And come for sinful man to die.
You count it strange so once did I
Before I knew my Savior.

(Chorus)
My Savior loves, my Savior lives,
My Savior's always there for me,
My God He was, my God He is,
My God is always gonna be.
(REPEAT 4x)

My Savior lives,
My savior loves,
My Savior lives,
My savior loves,
My Savior lives!

May 7, 2023
Announcements:

Welcome to worship at the First United Methodist Church of Freehold, whether you are joining us virtually, or in person, we are glad you are with us.

Mitch Samu will be giving a **Solo Piano Concert following today's service. Please stay and enjoy.** The concert will be livestreamed for those of you joining us virtually.

Schedule some time with our pastor. 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 contact the church office to schedule.

Last Saturday's **Open Mic Night** hosted by the United Theatre Company was a great success. Over 100 people were in attendance with 21 performers. The group received positive feedback from performers and audience members. United theater is planning a children's show for the summer: "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" which will feature children as the dwarfs.

Freehold Borough-Wide Yard Sale – Saturday, May 13th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(Rain date: Sunday May 14th).