

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, March 3, 2024
3rd Sunday in Lent**

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: Dan Tagatac

Prelude

Welcome: Dan Tagatac

*Call to Worship: Dan Tagatac

Leader: Come with us on this Lenten Journey to the Temple.

People: The temple is the great House of the Lord.

Leader: But sometimes even greed and selfishness can enter the Temple.

People: Be with us, Lord, as we enter this step.

Leader: The Lord will be asking us to recognize our selfishness.

People: Lord, hear our cries. AMEN.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Lord, sometimes we have difficulty hearing the story of Jesus cleansing the Temple of those who would lie, cheat, and steal. We always want Jesus to be patient, meek, and mild. But there are many times when bold action is required to cleanse the cancer of greed from our lives. Lord, help us to remember that we need to be bold in our faith. Replace our anxieties with confidence in your all-sustaining love and grace. As we have spoken the names of our friends, and family members, and other situations in which healing and comfort are needed, let us remember that we, too, stand in need of prayer and healing. Make us ready to receive your good news and then to be witnesses to your love to all your people. AMEN.

*Opening Hymn: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" UMH #404

*Praise Song: "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" TFWS #2112

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: "Jesus, Name above All Names" TFWS #2071

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Scripture Reading: John 2:13-22 Anne Mayer

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: "Time for Lenten Spring Cleaning" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: Today's Special Offering will benefit **UMCOR**. (United Methodist Committee on Relief). UMCOR offers immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health and peace. **Giving Page:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "How Can I Keep from Singing?" Chris Tomlin
FUMC Choir

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

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Holy One, you shape our lives with great beauty, showing us paths that lead to righteousness and blessing. We bring these gifts with grateful hearts, that you may use them to build your community of justice and righteousness. We offer you our very lives, knowing that you will lead us in the path of holy service. Amen.

Celebration of Communion: UMH pages 12-14
*Sung Responses: "Communion Settings" TFWS #2257 (b, c, d)

Communion Hymn: "Agnus Dei" Michael W. Smith

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: "Better Is One Day" Matt Redman

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude: "Better Is One Day" Matt Redman
(Reprise)

Scripture Passage

Liturgist: Anne Mayer

John 2:13-22

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”
UMH #404

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,
Out His Mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so shine,
Ask my Lord if all was mine.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

Jordan River runs right cold,
Chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track,
Runs to heaven and right back.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

Praise Song:
“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”
TFWS #2112

Jesus walked this lonesome valley;
He had to walk it by Himself.
O, nobody else could walk it for Him;
He had to walk it by Himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley;
We have to walk it by ourselves.
O, nobody else can walk it for us;
We have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial;
You have to stand it by yourself.
O, nobody else can stand it for you;
You have to stand it by yourself.

Prayer Song:
“Jesus, Name above All Names”
TFWS #2071

Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

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.

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:

"Agnus Dei"

Michael W. Smith

(Verse)

Alleluia, alleluia!

For the Lord God Almighty reigns.

Alleluia, alleluia!

For the Lord God Almighty reigns.

Alleluia.

(Chorus)

(You are) Holy, holy,

Are You Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb,

Worthy is the Lamb.

You are holy, holy,

Are You Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb,

Worthy is the Lamb.

Amen.

(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

Closing Hymn:

"Better Is One Day"

Matt 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)

(Continued...)

Announcements

March 3, 2024

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

Altar Flowers donated by Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Thank you to everyone who helped pack **E.H.A.P. lunch bags** last Sunday. Together we packed 45 lunch bags! The next packing event will be held on the last Sunday of April (April 28th) Supplies are always needed and can be dropped off on the E.H.A.P. table in Missions Hall.

Each lunch bag consists of a source of protein (canned tuna, chicken, or the like), ravioli or pasta (in a can), fruit cup, chewy granola bar, treat (small cookies), and a sugar free drink or water.

It's time to order your Easter Flowers! An order form has been provided in your bulletin. You can also access an order form through the Newsletter. Forms with payment are due Sunday, March 24th.

FUMC Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Saturday, March 23rd at 4:00pm. on the church grounds. Our rain date will be Sunday, March 24th following service. All children and grandchildren are welcome!

The First Assembly of God Church will host the next **Lenten Prayer Service** on Wednesday, March 6th. Lunch will begin at 12 noon, prayer service at 12:30 p.m. and lunch will resume at 1:00 pm.

United Theatre Company presents Jean Paul Sartre's "No Exit" March 8th and 9th at 7:00 p.m. on the Wesley Hall stage. Suggested donation: \$10.

This Week at a Glance (March 4 – March 10)

Monday: 7:00 p.m. – United Theatre Rehearsal (Stage)
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Stage)
Wednesday: **10:00 a.m. - Bible Study (Coffee Room)**
12:00 p.m. – Lenten Prayer Service at First Assembly of God
7:30 p.m. – Seventh Day Adventist Church (Lounge)
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Stage)
Friday: 7:00 p.m. – United Theatre presents "No Exit" (Stage)
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre presents "No Exit" (Stage)
Sunday: **8:30 a.m. – Seekers Class**
8:45 a.m. - Children Sunday School (Classrooms)
9:00 a.m. – Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
No Choir Rehearsal today
10:00 a.m. – Worship (Sanctuary)
(Nursery care for our youngest members is available during worship service.)

**Greater Freehold Clergy Association
Lenten Prayer Service Schedule**

Lunch at 12 P.M., Prayer at 12:30 P.M., Lunch at 1 P.M.

March 6 th	First Assembly of God 272 Jackson Mills Road	Rev. Alan Olson First Presbyterian
March 13 th	Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine 61 Georgia Road	Bishop Fred Rubin Community Refuge Church of Christ
March 20 th	Reformed Church of Freehold 67 W. Main Street	Msgr. Sam Sirianni Co-Cathedral of St. Robert
Good Friday March 29 th	Service at 12:00 P.M. First Baptist Church 81 W. Main Street Lunch will not be provided	Rev. Ruth Scott Foundational Truth Bible Study Ministries

March Birthdays

(1) Carly Mento	(16) Andy Schwarzkopf
(1) Lindsey Duarte	(16) Brittany Kaiser
(2) Nenita Zurick	(17) Susan Zuckerman
(4) Rev. Yoseb Jeon	(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