

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, April 30, 2023
4th Sunday of Easter**

Announcements: Sharon Shutzer

Prelude

Welcome: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Call to Worship: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Leader: Hear Jesus' great truth: I am the gate for the sheep!

People: We recognize this voice. We've heard these words before.

Leader: Come in! You belong here! You are safe and cared for here!

People: We recognize the voice of our shepherd.

Leader: Follow and find green pastures and still waters!

People: We hear his voice.

Leader: I come to give life and give it abundantly.

People: Come one, come all!

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Risen Savior, Reliable Shepherd, we hear your voice calling us to follow. We remember our ancient brothers and sisters who gathered in prayer and praise. Today, we too gather in prayer and praise. Enliven us with your resurrection power – a power that frees us from despair. Enliven us with your abundant life. May your living power flow through us in all we are and do! Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" UMH #138
(v. 1, 2, 6)

*Praise Song: "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" Myrin & Redman

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: "When the Night Is Falling" D. Jernigan

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:42-47 Anne Mayer

Sermon: "Why Do People Need the Church?" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: **Giving Page:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "The Coast" Mitch Samu

*Doxology:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God of Abundant Life, Host of our Table, we devote ourselves and these gifts to your vision of a community that meets the needs of any and all. We give our gifts of money and work, of prayer and praise, of presence and purpose to our friends and neighbors. Bless our offering, that it may meet the needs, both small and large, of your great and generous blessings. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn:

“All the People Said Amen”

Moak, Morgan & Miller

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Passage for Sunday, April 30, 2023

Liturgist: Anne Mayer

Acts 2:42-47 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Life among the Believers

⁴³Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds^[a] to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home^[b] and ate their food with glad and generous^[c] hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
The King of Love My Shepherd Is (v. 1, 2, 6)
UMH #138

(Verse 1)

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
And he is mine for ever.

(Verse 2)

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul he leadeth;
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

(Verse 6)

And so through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

Praise Hymn:
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
Myrin & Redman

(Chorus)

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.**

(Verse 1)

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 2)

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 3)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Forevermore!

(Repeat Chorus 2x)

(Ending)

Worship Your holy name.
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

Prayer Hymn:
When the Night Is Falling
Dennis Jernigan

(Verse 1)
When the night is falling
And the day is done,
I can hear You calling, come.
I will come while You sing over me.

(Verse 2)
When the night surrounds me,
All my dreams undone,
I can hear You calling, come.
I will come while You sing over me.

(Pre-Chorus)
When the night would hide my way
I will listen until I hear You say,

(Chorus 1)
How I love you child! I love you!
How I love you child! I love you!
How I love you!
How I love you child! I love you!
How I love you child! I love you!
How I love you!

(Verse 3)
When this life is over
And the race is run,
I will hear You calling, come.
I will come while You sing over me.

(Chorus 2)
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah.

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:
All the People Said Amen
Moak, Morgan & Miller

(Verse 1)
You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy;
To be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need.

(Chorus)
And all the people said amen, whoa.
And all the people said amen.
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
And all the people said amen.

(Verse 2)
If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall;
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Bridge)
Blessed are the poor in spirit, who are torn apart,
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart,
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God.

(Repeat Chorus 2x)

And all the people said, AMEN!

April 30, 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are donated by Kathy Kane, in memory of James Kane.

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. Contact the pastor, or call the church office to schedule.

Mitch Samu will be giving a **Solo Piano Concert:** Sunday May 7th 11:30-12:30

A.A.U.W. is 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: Saturday, May 13th from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Rain date: Sunday, May 14th.

Monmouth Civic Chorus “Message in a Bottle”: Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Freehold. See poster in Fellowship Hall for more details.

Grocery Cards (Shop Rite, Acme, and Stop & Shop) will be sold after service. Sales of grocery cards help raise funds for our church.