

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, May 3, 2026
5th Sunday of Easter**

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 and Welcome:

Andrea Garcia

Prelude

*Call to Worship:

Leader: We come asking, "Lord, show us God."

People: And Christ answers, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

Leader: Not in thunder or spectacle, but in mercy and grace.

People: In Jesus, God is made known among us.

Leader: In broken bread and shared cup, in love that kneels to serve.

People: We behold the living God in our midst.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who draws near to us in Christ.

People: We come to see, to know, and to follow Jesus.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Gracious God, we come with longing hearts, asking to see you more clearly. We confess that we often look for you in distant places or grand displays, yet you have already come near to us in Jesus Christ. Open our eyes to recognize you in his life, his love, and his presence among us. As we worship today, draw us deeper into the truth that you are not far away, but with us, calling us into relationship. Shape our hearts to follow Christ, that we may see you and reflect your love in the world. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Opening Hymn:

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

UMH #577

*Praise Song:

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Paul Baloche

Children's Time:

Pastor Doby Amos

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 Hymn:

"Down to the River to Pray"

USA Folk Song

Pastoral Prayer:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Scripture Reading:

John 14:1-14

Anita Ritchie

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:

"Lord, Show Us God"

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for May will benefit **Peace with Justice**. Gifts to the Peace with Justice offering strengthen ministries like refugee resettlements and other justice ministries in our annual conference and around the world. **Giving Page:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "The 23rd Psalm" Mitch Samu
Joan Kinney, Soloist

*Doxology: "Thank You God" Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God who has made yourself known in Jesus Christ, we bring these gifts before you with gratitude. As you have given yourself to us in love, receive what we offer as a sign of our trust and devotion. Use these gifts to make your presence known in this world, through acts of mercy, welcome, and grace. May our giving reflect the life of Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve. In his name we pray. Amen.

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

Communion Hymn: "In Remembrance of Me" TFWS #2254

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 Song: "Over My Head" TFWS #2148

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Reading:

Liturgist: Anita Ritchie

John 14:1-14

Jesus the Way to the Father

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Opening Hymn:
"God of Grace and God of Glory"
UMH #577

(Verse 1)

God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story;
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

(Verse 2)

Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us
Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
Free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

(Verse 3)

Cure Thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

(Verse 4)

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the search for Thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore,
Serving Thee whom we adore.

Praise Song:
"Open the Eyes of My Heart"
Paul Baloche

(Chorus 2X)

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

(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 2X)

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

(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."

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

(3X)

Prayer Song:
"Down to the River to Pray"
USA Folk Song

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good ole way
And who shall wear the starry crown,
Good Lord, show me the way.
O *sisters, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down.
Come on, *sisters, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.

*(2) brothers
(3) fathers
(4) mothers
(5) sinners

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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

“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 is 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:
“In Remembrance of Me”
TFWS #2254

In remembrance of Me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of Me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of Me, pray for the time
When God's own will is done.

In remembrance of Me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of Me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of Me, open the door
And let your neighbors in, let them in.

Take, eat, and be comforted;
Drink and remember, too,
That this is My body
And precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of Me, search for truth.
In remembrance of Me, always love.
In remembrance of Me, don't look above,
But in your heart,
Look for God.

Do this in remembrance of Me.

Closing Song:
“Over My Head”
TFWS #2148

(Chorus)
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
There must be a God somewhere.

Oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air;*
Oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air;*
Oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air;*
There must be a God somewhere.

(Repeat Chorus)

And when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air;*
And when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air;*
And when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air;*
There must be a God somewhere.

(Repeat Chorus)

Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air;*
Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air;*
Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air;*
There must be a God somewhere.

(Repeat Chorus)

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.

Save the Date: The First United Methodist Church of Freehold Presents:
Vacation Bible School 2026 "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God"
June 29 – July 2 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
For children Pre-K – 5th Grade.
Children will enjoy games, crafts, music, bible stories & more!



Borough-Wide Yard Sale – Saturday, May 9, 2026 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Join the many Borough families hosting yard sales at their homes.

For further details, go to: <https://www.freeholdboroughnj.gov>

Rain Date: May 10th

On Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. - The First Presbyterian Church of Freehold will host an evening of music featuring The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Tickets are \$45. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds help to fund the Freehold Memorial Day Parade. GET TICKETS: www.DowntownFreehold.com

Freehold Area Open Door GRAND REOPENING! Freehold Area Open Door is thrilled to announce their move to a new, larger location! The new facility almost doubles their size and is custom-designed to better meet the needs of our neighbors and volunteers. Join us to celebrate at our Grand Reopening event, taking place at the new facility, at **80 Throckmorton St. in Freehold, on Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 1 - 4 pm.** The celebration is open to the public. **Food, entertainment, and the opportunity to celebrate with your friends and neighbors!**
www.faopendoor.org

Unable to make it to church? There are several ways you can join us virtually: Find us on:

- **Our website:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/livestream
- **Youtube.com:** search Freehold Methodist Church
- **Our Newsletter:** Click on the service title picture.
- **ZOOM:**
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This Week at a Glance (May 4 – May 10)

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - "Oasis" Bible Study Group (Coffee Room)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
7:30 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Lounge)
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal - *Tentative (Wesley Hall)
Friday: ***
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall till 4:00 p.m.)
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Seekers Class (Seekers' Classroom)
8:45 a.m. - Youth Sunday School (Classrooms)
9:00 a.m. - Joyful Noise Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. - Choir Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. - Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Time and Refreshments (Fellowship Hall)
5:00 p.m. - iZion Christian Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)

May Birthdays

(14) Kim O'Brien	(21) Virginia Sologuren
(17) Sharon Shutzer	(21) Vivian Walters
(14) Susan Wilson	(22) Tressa Johnson
(19) Annabell Minty	(23) Thomas Dreyer
(20) Myra Pierce	(29) Carrie Shutzer
(20) Connor Groh	(30) Bryan Wilson
(30) Stephanie Walters-Laurino	