

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, March 10, 2024
4th Sunday in Lent**

Announcements: Dan Tagatac

Prelude: "Above All" LeBlanc & Baloché

Welcome: Dan Tagatac

*Call to Worship: Dan Tagatac

Leader: How awesome God's light is!

People: It pours rays of comfort and hope onto this dark world!

Leader: Come, dance and rejoice in the light!

People: Lord, let your light flood into our hearts and spirits!

Leader: Come, let us celebrate!

People: Let us bring our praise to God! AMEN.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)
Lord, as we gather here on this day of sharing, remind us that you have shared with us your most precious gift, our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to model our lives after his messages of compassion and service to you and to all your world. In Christ's Name, we offer this prayer. AMEN.

*Opening Hymn: "What Wondrous Love Is This" UMH #292

*Praise Song: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" TFWS #2088

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: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" TFWS #2193

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Infant Baptism: **Baptism of Nathan Lawrence Tolas**
(See Baptism Liturgy Insert)

Scripture Reading: John 3:14-21 Pamela Wentworth

Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace
*[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form:
www.freeholdmethodisst.org]*

Message: "Jesus, the Lover of the World" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

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

The Special Offering for the month of March will benefit **UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Today is also the last day to donate to our **First Responders**. Please write on your check/envelope your donation destination: UMCOR or FIRST RESPONDERS.

Offertory: "This Is My Father's World" UMH #144
Featuring Daniel Jeon, Cello

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

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Merciful God, you have richly blessed our lives with love and bounty beyond measure. Bless these gifts we return to you now, that they may bestow the same richness of your love and grace in the world. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "Walking in the Light of God" Traditional Zulu

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude: "Walking in the Light of God" Traditional Zulu
(Reprise)

Scripture Passage: Sunday, March 10, 2024

Liturgist: Pamela Wentworth

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
“What Wondrous Love Is This”
UMH #292

(Verse 1)

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

(Verse 2)

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of life
To lay aside his crown
For my soul, for my soul,
To lay aside his crown for my soul.

(Verse 3)

To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the Great I Am,
While millions join the theme
I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme
I will sing.

(Verse 4)

And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

Praise Hymn:
“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”
TFWS #2088

(Verse)

Lord, I lift Your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life;
I'm so glad You came to save us.

(Chorus)

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way,
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

(Repeat)

Prayer Hymn:
“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”
TFWS #2193

(Chorus)

Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Offertory:
“This Is My Father’s World”
UMH #144

This is my Father’s world,
And to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world:
He shines in all that’s fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world,
O let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seem oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

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:
“Walking in the Light of God”
Traditional Zulu
Arr. Dean McIntyre

Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walking in the light of God.

Walk, walk, walk, walk,
Walking in the light of God.
Walk, walk, walk, walk,
Walking in the light of God.

Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walking in the light of God.

‘Ham-ba, ‘ham-ba, ‘ham-ba, ‘ham-ba,
Walking in the light of God.

‘Ham-ba, ‘ham-ba, ‘ham-ba, ‘ham-ba,
Walking in the light of God.

Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walking in the light of God.

‘Ham-ba koo kah nigh nee,
‘Ham-ba koo kah nigh nee,
‘Ham-ba koo kah nigh nee,
Walking in the light of God.

Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walking in the light of God.

HOLY BAPTISM

BAPTISM CANDIDATE: NATHAN LAWRENCE TOLAS
PARENTS: STEVEN FRANK TOLAS & THERESA CLAIRE TOLAS

MARCH 10, 2024

REV. YOSEB JEON

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM



INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Brothers and sisters in Christ:
Through the Sacrament of Baptism
 we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.
We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
 and given new birth through water and the Spirit.
All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE:

Verl McKinney, Lay Leader

I present **NATHAN LAWRENCE TOLAS** for baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Parents and other sponsors respond:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
 reject the evil powers of this world,
 and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
 to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
 in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
 to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture this child, **NATHAN LAWRENCE TOLAS**,
 in Christ's holy Church,
that by your teaching and example he may be guided
 to accept God's grace for himself,
 to profess his faith openly,
 and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

The congregation responds:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include this child now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround him
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that he may grow in his service to others.**

**We will pray for him,
that he may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

The congregation, the parents and sponsors respond together:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray.

*Almighty God, the life you birthed in us
by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die.
Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.*

Your healing river flows.

Your Spirit blows where you will.

We cannot stop you, God!

But sometimes we try.

*We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit,
or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream
that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power.*

We parch ourselves.

We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.

Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

Glory to you!

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

*Christian, **NATHAN LAWRENCE***, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome
our new child in Christ.

**Through baptism
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you
as a member of the family of Christ.**

PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God,
I commend this child to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase his faith,
confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

The congregation responds:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of the First United Methodist Church of Freehold,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

BLESSING

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish you and strengthen you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.

Announcements

March 10, 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.

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated by Jane Strauss, "Happy Birthday, great-granddaughter, Charley Jane!"

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!

Volunteers are needed to help get the church grounds ready for our Easter Egg hunters. We will be cleaning up the grounds on Friday, March 15th at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers should bring gardening gloves, pruning/hand tools and rakes.

Dear Church Family~

I can't possibly thank you all enough for all your prayers and support as I have been recovering from total right knee replacement. Although the surgery was more extensive and took longer than originally planned, it went well and I'm making good progress with my rehabilitation. All the cards, text messages, phone calls and visits have made this whole process easier knowing that I'm surrounded by the love of my church family. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I hope to be back worshipping "in person" very soon.

Fondly~
Carol Davison

This Week at a Glance (March 11 – March 17)

Monday: 7:00 p.m. – Jersey Girls (Wesley Hall)
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)
Wednesday: **10:00 a.m. - Bible Study (Coffee Room)**
12:00 p.m. – Lenten Prayer Service at The Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine
7:30 p.m. – Seventh Day Adventist Church (Lounge)
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)
7:00 p.m. - Second Tuesday Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday: **9:00 a.m. - Church ground clean-up in preparation for Easter Egg Hunt**
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)
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 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	Rev. Ruth Scott Foundational Truth Bible Study Ministries

Lunch will not be provided

**First United Methodist Church
Holy Week Schedule:**

March 24 – Passion/Palm Sunday	10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
March 28 – Holy/Maundy Thursday	6:00 p.m. (Wesley Hall)
A soup and bread dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Maundy Thursday service with hand washing.	
March 29 – Good Friday	7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)
March 31 – Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at the Pond	6:30 a.m. (Lake Topanemus Park, Freehold)
Traditional Easter Service	10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

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