

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, March 17, 2024
5th Sunday in Lent**

Announcements: Dan Tagatac

Prelude: "Dust and Ashes" Wren & Haas

Welcome: Dan Tagatac

*Call to Worship: Dan Tagatac

Leader: This is the fifth step on our Lenten journey, the step of sacrifice.

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

Leader: This requires the willingness to give all of your life to the Lord.

People: Be with us, Lord, as we commit our lives to you.

Leader: Come, let us worship and offer our voices of praise to God.

People: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God this day. AMEN.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Our souls are troubled, Holy One, until they find their rest in you. When we live in fear of our mortality, help us face the future unafraid. Write the truth of Christ's words on our hearts: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit." In our living and in our dying, draw us together with all your people. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "One Bread, One Body" UMH #620

*Praise Song: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" TFWS #2171

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: "Purify My Heart" Jeff Nelson

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: John 12:20-33 Susan Zuckerman

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: "The Way God Saves Us" 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).

Offertory: "The Love of the Cross" Chris Tomlin
Chloe Jeon, Violin

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

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

With hearts washed clean and with spirits made new, we celebrate the joy of your salvation, O God. May the tithes and offerings we share this day reflect the law of love you have written on our hearts. May these gifts bear the fruit of your Spirit, and may they bless those who need it most. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "There's No One in This World Like Jesus" Trad. Shona, Zimbabwe

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude: "There's No One in This World Like Jesus" Trad. Shona, Zimbabwe
(Reprise)

Scripture Passage: Sunday, March 17, 2024

Liturgist: Susan Zuckerman

John 12:20-33

Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

Jesus Speaks about His Death

²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people^[a] to myself." ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

**Opening Hymn:
"One Bread, One Body"
UMH #620**

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Grain or the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

**Praise Hymn:
"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"
TFWS #2171**

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love.
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life,
Let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

(Continued...)

O, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

**Prayer Hymn:
"Purify My Heart"
Jeff Nelson**

(Chorus)

Purify my heart,
Touch me with Your cleansing fire,
Take me to the cross,
Your holiness is my desire.
Breathe Your life in me,
Kindle a love
That flows from Your throne.
Oh, purify my heart,
Purify my heart.

**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:
“There’s No One in This World Like Jesus”
Traditional Shona, Zimbabwe

There’s no one in this world like Jesus,
There’s no one in this world like him;
There’s no one in this world like Jesus,
There’s no one, there’s no one like him.

I’m running, running, searching, searching,
I’m turning, turning, searching, searching.
I’m searching, searching everywhere.
There’s no one, there’s no one like him.

(Repeat)

Hakuna wakaita sa Jesu
Hakuna wakaita sa ye;
Hakuna wakaita sa Jesu,
Haku, haku chi na.

Nda-mha-nya, mha-nya, Kwe-se, kwe-se.
Nda-te-nde re-ra, kwe-se.
Nda-tsva-ka, tsva-ka, kwe-se, kwe-se,
Haku, haku, chi-na

Announcements

March 17, 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 Allein and Gene Sampieri, in celebration of Bryan's birthday.

If you haven't ordered your **Easter Flowers** yet, please return your order form with payment by Sunday, March 24th. Forms with payment can be placed in the offering plate, or returned to the church office.

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!

Save the Date: The Elizabeth Circle 2024 Retreat "Spiritual Preparation for the Storms of Life" will run from Sunday, September 29 – Tuesday, October 1st at The Carriage House, Ocean Grove. \$375/person (\$100 deposit is required to hold your space). Register with Melanie Bowen. All women of the church are invited to attend. **SPACE IS LIMITED AND A WAITLIST WILL BE MAINTAINED.**

Baker's Needed to supply baked goods and fresh fruit (bananas, clementines) for the Community E.H.A.P. dinner on March 19. Please sign-up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Help is needed to prepare, set-up and clean-up a simple soup and bread meal for our Maundy Thursday service on March 28th. **A soup and bread dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Maundy Thursday service with hand washing in Wesley Hall.** Please sign-up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall.

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

Monday: 7:30 p.m. – Reading between the Vines (Coffee Room)

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)
4:30 p.m. - FUMC Serving Dinner at St. Peter's Church

Wednesday: **10:00 a.m. - Bible Study (Coffee Room)**
12:00 p.m. – Lenten Prayer Service at The Reformed Church of Freehold
7:30 p.m. – Seventh Day Adventist Church (Lounge)

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)
2:00 p.m. - Stitcher's Circle (Coffee Room)

Friday: 7:00 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church Friday Night Service (Sanctuary)

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)
9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. – Worship (Sanctuary)
(Nursery care for our youngest members is available during worship service.)
11:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**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 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 on Good Friday	Rev. Ruth Scott Foundational Truth Bible Study Ministries

**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