

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, May 11, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day**

Announcements: Andrea Garcia

Prelude

Welcome: Andrea Garcia

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: When we feel tired and stuck, Jesus calls us to rise.

People: When we feel small and forgotten, Jesus lifts us up.

Leader: When hope seems far away, Christ speaks new life to us.

People: When fear holds us back, Christ gives us courage to stand.

Leader: When we gather in faith, God's Spirit moves among us.

People: When we trust God's voice, new life begins again.

***Opening Prayer: (In Unison)**

God of life and renewal, you speak into our weariness and call us to rise. As you spoke through Peter to Tabitha, speak to us today. Wake us from fear, lift us from despair, and fill us with the courage to live in your love. In this time of worship, may we hear your voice clearly and trust in your power to bring new life. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and the Life. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" UMH #381

***Praise Song:** "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" TFWS #2140

Children's Moment: Sharon Shutzer

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: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH #474

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:36-43 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.freeholdmethodist.org]*

Sermon: "Tabitha, Get Up" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Litany for Blessings of Women

All: Lord, we thank you for the many examples of faithful women in Scripture, like Sarah, Ruth, Hannah, Esther, Elizabeth, and Lois. Hear now the first names of other women who have inspired us by their motherly examples. We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say — Yes to your calling. May these women gathered here today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor: For our mothers, who have given us life and love, may we show them reverence and love,
Congregation: We pray to the Lord.

Pastor: For moms whose children are grown,
Congregation: We pray to the Lord.

Pastor: For new moms experiencing changes they could not predict,
Congregation: We pray to the Lord.

Pastor: For pregnant women who will soon be moms,
Congregation: We pray to the Lord.

Pastor: For women who, though without children of their own, like mothers have nurtured and cared for us,
Congregation: We pray to the Lord.

Pastor: For moms who face the demands of single parenthood,
Congregation: We pray to the Lord.

Pastor: For moms who are raising their children in poverty,
Congregation: We pray to the Lord.

Pastor: For moms who are separated from their children,
Congregation: We pray to the Lord.

Pastor: For girls and women who think about being moms,
Congregation: We pray to the Lord.

Pastor: For mothers who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families,
Congregation: We pray to the Lord.

Pastor: Loving Mother God, like an earthly mother who gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless every Christian mother. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Congregation: Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

All: Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offering Time: The Special Offering for the month of May will benefit Peace with Justice. Your gift supports peace with justice ministries through the General Board of Church and Society and the annual conferences.

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "Ave Maria" Charles Gounod
Joan Kinney - Soloist

*Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #895

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God of miracles and mercy, you call us to get up and be part of your story of hope. As we offer these gifts, we also offer ourselves – our talents, our prayers, and our hands ready to serve. Bless these offerings so they may lift those in need, bring comfort to the weary, and share your love with the world. Strengthen us to rise and live boldly in the power of your Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "The Lord Is My Light" L. Bouknight

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude: "The Lord Is My Light" L. Bouknight
(Reprise)

Scripture Passage for Sunday, May 11, 2025

Liturgist: Pamela Wentworth

Acts 9:36-43 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

Peter in Lydda and Joppa

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas.^[a] She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
UMH #381

(Verse 1)

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

(Verse 2)

We are thine, thou dost befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

(Verse 3)

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to thee.

(Verse 4)

Early let us seek thy favor,
Early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Praise Hymn:
Since Jesus Came into My Heart
TFWS #2140

(Verse 1)

What a wonderful change in my life has been
wrought
Since Jesus came into my heart!
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,
Since Jesus came into my heart!

(Chorus)

Since Jesus came into my heart,
Since Jesus came into my heart,
Floods of joy o'er my soul
Like the sea billows roll,
Since Jesus came into my heart.

(Verse 2)

I have ceased from my wandering and going astray,
Since Jesus came into my heart!
And my sins, which were many, are all washed
away,
Since Jesus came into my heart!

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 3)

I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure,
Since Jesus came into my heart!
And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway
obscure,
Since Jesus came into my heart!

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 4)

There's a light in the valley of death now for me,
Since Jesus came into my heart!
And the gates of the City beyond I can see,
Since Jesus came into my heart!

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 5)

I shall go there to dwell in that City, I know,
Since Jesus came into my heart!
And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go,
Since Jesus came into my heart!

(Repeat Chorus – Last Time)

Prayer Hymn:
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
UMH #474

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn,
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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:
"The Lord Is My Light"
L. Bouknight

The Lord is my Light
And my salvation
The Lord is my Light
And my salvation
The Lord is my Light
And my salvation
Whom shall I fear?

Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life
Whom shall I fear?

In the time of trouble
He shall hide me
O in the time of trouble
He shall hide me
in the time of trouble
He shall hide me
whom shall I fear?

Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life
Whom shall I fear?

Wait on the Lord
And be of good courage
O wait on the Lord
And be of good courage
Wait on the Lord
And be of good courage
He shall strengthen thine heart

(Ending)
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life
Whom shall I fear?

Happy Mother's Day! 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 Erika MacDonald in celebration of her daughter, Kaitlyn's birthday.

Please join us for **EHAP Lunch Bag Packing** next **Sunday, May 18th** following service. Our target for this event is to pack 50 lunch bags.

May Soul Supper! Join us on **Thursday, May 29th** at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. We're going to enjoy a buffet of assorted salads and nut breads with ice cream sundaes for dessert. Please sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend. If you want to help with food prep, we will be meeting in the kitchen on the 28th at 1:00 p.m.

Join us on May 30th at 9:00 a.m. for our **Annual Church Clean-Up Day**. The Board of Trustees welcome anyone who would like to help clean-up the church building and grounds. Please ask Don Johnson for details.

This Week at a Glance (May 11 – May 18)

Monday:	10:30 a.m. -	Freehold Clergy Association (Wesley Hall)
	7:00 p.m. -	Jersey Girls (Wesley Hall)
	7:00 p.m. -	United Theatre Rehearsal "Firebringer" (Sanctuary)
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
	7:00 p.m. -	United Theatre Rehearsal "Firebringer" (Wesley Hall)
	7:00 p.m. -	Second Tuesday Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wednesday:	-	*NO Bible Study
	7:30 p.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Classroom)
Thursday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
	7:00 p.m. -	United Theatre Rehearsal "Firebringer" (Wesley Hall)
Friday:	***	
Saturday:	9:00 a.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall till 4:00 p.m.)
	9:00 a.m. -	Borough-Wide Yard Sale (Church Parking Lot)
Sunday:		
	8:30 a.m. -	Seeker's Study (Seeker's Classroom)
	8:45 a.m. -	Youth Sunday School (Classrooms)
	9:00 a.m. -	Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m. -	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m. -	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m. -	E.H.A.P. Lunch Bag Packing (Sanctuary)
		*First Day of Annual Conference

(Nursery care for our youngest members is available during worship service.)

*** No Events Scheduled

May Birthdays

(2) Annabella Taylor	(20) Myra Pierce	(21) Virginia Sologuren
(17) Sharon Shutzer	(20) Connor Groh	(29) Carrie Shutzer
(18) Susan Wilson	(21) Vivian Walters	(30) Stephanie Walters-Laurino

Community News:

Monmouth Civic Chorus Presents: "Earthsongs" – Friday May 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Freehold – 118 W. Main Street, Freehold. *"MCC presents a powerful program in conversation with our planet. Sarah Kirkland Snider's acclaimed 2018 Mass for the Endangered shares the stage with shorter works, from sublime to fanciful to Sting."*

Borough Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, May 17th, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The Borough is having a town wide yard sale and our church is one of the participants. We can set up as many tables as we need in the parking lot. Rain or Shine. This is your motivation to start your spring house cleaning! See Anne Mayer with any questions.