

First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin
Palm/Passion Sunday
March 29, 2026

We will gather in Fellowship Hall with our palm branches.

*Hymn of Proclamation: "Shout to the Lord" TFWS #2074

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Hear from the Gospel according to Mathew 21:5-9 how our Lord Jesus entered into Jerusalem:

THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE: (*Waving Palm Branches)

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! *

Leader: Open wide the gates of your hearts.

People: Let the Savior enter! *

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: Hosanna in the highest! *

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! *

*Processional Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" UMH #278

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Holy God, we come before you on this day of both celebration and solemnity. We remember the shouts of "Hosanna," and we stand in the shadow of the cross. As we gather in worship, quiet our hearts so that we may listen for your voice beneath the noise of the world. Teach us to follow Christ not only in moments of joy but also in moments of courage and costly love. Shape us into a community that is willing to stand near the cross with faith, hope, and love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Praise Song: "Ride On, King Jesus" Spiritual

Children's Moment: Pastor Doby Amos

Welcome and Announcements: Pamela Wentworth

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 Song: "You Are Mine" TFWS #2218
(v. 1 & 4)

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: John 19:38-42 Cindy Curtis Budka

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:

An Unlikely Lent: Extraordinary People of the Easter Story
Week 6: "Unlikely Allies – Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus"

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Prayer of Confession: (In Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we are often more comfortable with celebration than with sacrifice. We join the crowds when it is easy, yet we hesitate when faith requires courage. We want to follow Jesus, but we resist the cost of discipleship. Forgive us for the ways we turn away from the cross and from those who suffer. Give us the quiet courage of those who remained faithful when hope seemed lost. By your grace, lead us back into the way of love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Special Offering for the month of March will benefit **our Annual Diaper Drive.**

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

"Hosanna!"
FUMC Choir

Price & Besig

*Doxology:

"Thank You God"

Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer:

God of resurrection hope, you have given yourself to us completely in Jesus Christ. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our desire to follow you with faithful hearts. Use them to bring hope, healing, and love into the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn:

"We Sang Our Glad Hosannas"

TFWS #2111

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude:

"We Sang Our Glad Hosannas"
(Reprise)

TFWS #2111

Scripture Passage

Liturgist: Cindy Curtis-Budka

John 19:38-42

The Burial of Jesus

³⁸ After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission, so he came and removed his body. ³⁹ Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰ They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴² And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Proclamation:

“Shout to the Lord”

TFWS #2074

(Verse)

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship You.

(Chorus)

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You.

Processional Hymn:

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

UMH #278

Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving,
And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
Rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait.

(Continued...)

“Hosanna in the highest!”
That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer
The Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice!

Praise Song:

“Ride On, King Jesus”

Spiritual

(Refrain)

**Ride on, King Jesus,
No man can hinder me,
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on,
No man can hinder me.**

King Jesus rides on a milk-white horse,
No man can hinder me;
The river Jordan did he cross,
No man can hinder me.

(Refrain)

I know that my redeemer lives,
No man can hinder me;
And of his blessing freely gives,
No man can hinder me.

(Refrain)

If you want to find your way to God,
No man can hinder me;
The gospel highway must we trod,
No man can hinder me.

(Refrain)

Prayer Song:
"You Are Mine" (v. 1 & 4)
TFWS #2218

(Verse 1)

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
Be still and know I am here.

(Verse 4)

I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain,
Stand up, now walk, and live!

(Chorus)

Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home,
I love you and you are mine.

Doxology:
"Thank You, God"
Mitch Samu

Thank you, God, Thank you, God,
Thank you, God,
For giving me this life I get to live.

Thank you, God, Love you, God,
Praise you, God,
Forever I will give all I can give.

Amen!

Closing Hymn:
"We Sang Our Glad Hosannas"
TFWS #2111

We sang our glad hosannas
And waved our branches high,
But somewhere silent, frowning,
As Jesus rode on by.
They sought a royal Savior,
But did not understand
A king could rule by loving
Instead of by command.

We heard an angry Jesus
In temple courts declare,
"Be gone, you money changers!
This is a house of prayer."
Though many came for healing
And stayed to hear his word,
Still others, hostile, plotted
And thus his death assured.

We served him at the table
With wine, unleavened bread.
"The one who will betray me
Now eats with me," he said.
His friends would not believe him,
But one by one that night,
As soldiers came to take him,
They scurried out of sight.

We saw a suffering Jesus
Alone, without a friend,
And heard the voices shouting
Abuse until the end.
We wept as we stood watching
Love's light grow dim and die,
And cried "Why did this happen?
God tell us, tell us why!"

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated by Ray and Anita Ritchie, in memory of Joanne McKinney's birthday.

Easter Flower orders are due today! If you need a form, you can pick one up in Fellowship Hall. You can give your order form with payment to Carol Davison or Susan Zuckerman after service.

Join us for our next **Soul Supper** on Thursday, April 2nd (Maundy Thursday) at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Pastor Yoseb will lead us in our Maundy Thursday service. After that, we're going to enjoy a simple meal of soup (Turkey Noodle, Broccoli Cheese or Beef Vegetable) and bread. Please sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend. If you want to help with the food prep, we will be meeting in the kitchen on April 1st at 1p.m.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 4th at 4:00 p.m. in the FUMC Parking Lot. Rain or Shine! All children ages 10 and under are invited to attend. This event is FREE and is open to the community.

Capture Easter Sunday memories at FUMC! On Easter Sunday, we will have a special Easter backdrop set up for family and friends to take Easter photos.

Annual Diaper Drive: Please continue to donate diapers in sizes 4, 5, & 6 for our **Diaper Packing Event on Sunday, April 12th (in Wesley Hall) following service.** Our goal is 30,000 diapers. We're doing this in conjunction with Child Care Resources in Neptune. All diapers will be given to families in need right here in Monmouth County. The diaper collection area is in the sanctuary.

The Choir WILL be rehearsing in the sanctuary following today's service.

This Week at a Glance (March 30 – April 5)

Monday:	7:00 p.m. -	United Theatre Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
	7:00 p.m. -	United Theatre Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. -	"Oasis" Bible Study Group (Coffee Room)
	7:00 p.m. -	United Theatre Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Lounge)
Thursday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
	6:00 p.m. -	Maudy Thursday Service and Soul Supper (Wesley Hall)
Friday:	7:00 p.m. -	Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)
Saturday:	9:00 a.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall till 4:00 p.m.)
	4:00 p.m. -	Easter Egg Hunt! (Church Parking Lot and Grounds)
Sunday:	Easter Sunday	
	9:00 a.m. -	Joyful Noise Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m. -	Choir Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m. -	Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m. -	Fellowship Time and Refreshments (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 p.m. -	iZion Christian Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)

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



FREEHOLD CLERGY GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

APRIL 3RD AT 12:00 P.M. (NO LUNCH)

Freehold Baptist Church
81 West Main Street

Rev. Jonathan Glass-Riley
“The Crown of Thorns”

FUMC Holy Week Service Schedule:

April 2 – 6:00 p.m. - **MAUNDY THURSDAY** (Last Supper, Holy Communion, Hand Washing) – Wesley Hall

April 3 - 7:00 p.m. – **GOOD FRIDAY** – Sanctuary

April 5 10:00 a.m. – **EASTER SUNDAY** - Sanctuary

March Birthdays

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| (3) Nenita Zurick | (10) Dylan Pierce | (16) Brittany Kaiser | (23) Thomas Heulton |
| (4) Rev. Yoseb Jeon | (11) Sue Hager | (16) Andy Schwarzkopf | (24) Gregg Kaiser |
| (4) Mary Sterling | (12) Abigail Davala | (17) Susan Zuckerman | (27) Glenn Meredith |
| (4) Ben Sciortino | (12) Jonathan Bowen | (19) Laura Gatti | (30) Rob Zuckerman |
| | (15) Bryan Sampieri | | (31) In memory of
Joanne McKinney (90th) |

April Birthdays

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| (1) Rose Kelly | (10) Jessica McQuillan | (20) Ashley Sterling |
| (4) Floyd Bennett | (13) Jessica Gorman | (20) Daniel Jeon |
| (5) Sue Strauss | (13) Elizabeth Cortijo | (20) Peggy Gerin |
| (5) Courtney Kaiser | (16) Jordan Avallone | (22) Karen Bennett |
| (6) Camryn Calcao | (17) Kathryn Bowen Groh | (23) Kathy Kane |
| (7) Jane Strauss | (19) David Tagatac | (26) Colin Gorman |
| (7) Abigail W. Joseph | | (28) Lauren McQuillan |