



April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FREEHOLD

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*Please stand if you are able

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *Steal Away* *Matthew De Marco, soloist*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: **He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

People: **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

***Hymn #263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

Call to Confession *(Spoken by worship leader)*

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

***Passing of the Peace**

A Time for Children

Anthem *The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune*

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

God of life, your Spirit raised Jesus from dead.

Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture. Your Spirit draws us to Christ and helps us to acknowledge him as Lord. We ask that you will send your Spirit now to give us deeper insight, encouragement, faith, and hope through the proclamation of the Easter gospel. Amen.

Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:16-24 *(New Testament pg. 240)*

Scripture Reading: John 10:11-18 *(New Testament pg. 103)*

Sermon "Other Shepherds, Other Folds" *Pastor Alan Olson*

***Hymn #209 My Song Is Love Unknown**

Responding to the Word

The Apostles' Creed *(unison)*

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

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*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. Amen.*

Offering *Just as I Am* Matthew DeMarco, soloist

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** *(unison)*

We give our thanks through our talents, our time, and our treasure. Thanks be to God; whose love creates us!
Thanks be to God; whose mercy redeems us! Thanks be to God; whose grace leads us into the future! Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn #803 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**

Benediction

Postlude *Allegro Maestoso, Handel*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Women's Retreat: For those going on the May retreat, there will be an organizational meeting today following worship in Room A/B.

Spring Clean-Up Day will be held Saturday, April 27th from 9:00 AM to Noon. The rain date is the following Saturday, May 4th, same time.

We would appreciate any time that you can give us. Please bring your gardening tools, rakes and wheelbarrows. If you have any questions regarding Spring Clean-Up, please contact Scott Fox, Larry Moran or Chris Pilla. Thank you from all of us on the Property Commission.

Rise Against Hunger: On Sunday, May 5th, the Greater Freehold Clergy Association will partner with Rise Against Hunger to pack food kits to send to people across this country and around the world. Volunteers will meet at the First United Methodist Church at 2:00 PM. If you would like to help with creating the food kits, please speak with Pastor Alan.

The Freehold Borough-Wide Yard Sale will be held Saturday, May 11th. FPC will be participating in this event. Church members are invited to set up a table at the church. Please contact Sam Daesener or Barbara Lloyd for more information.

Volunteers will also be needed on May 11th to help with the yard sale in supporting roles. More information to come regarding this.

Financial Giving Report: 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024

March 2024 Giving	\$10,216
Year to Date Giving	\$113,632
Projected Annual Giving	\$145,713

LITURGIST	Samantha Daesener
USHERS	Charlotte & Chelsea Heinsohn
Next Week	Charlie Lloyd & Tom Morrice
OPENER	Chris Pilla
Next Week	Pat Kirk
CLOSER	Chris Pilla
Next Week	Charlie Lloyd
COUNTERS	Rick Baptista & Kevin Truex
Next Week	Barbara Lloyd & Tom Morrice

Today's Guest

Matthew DeMarco, Soloist

