

# South Freeport Church

*An Opening & Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ*



**Easter Sunday**

April 5, 2026

**9:00am and 11:00am Resurrection Worship**

*Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!*

## Welcome to Easter Worship at South Freeport Church

As an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ, it is our mission to be a source of worship, service, education, and healing for all. We welcome all people of any race, gender, nationality, ethnic origin, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression. We support full participation of everyone in the life and programs of this church. We recognize the rights of all persons, just as Christ accepted all people he encountered. We believe that in meeting each other in Christian love, God's Spirit frees us all to give, to grow, and to be ourselves. *So whoever you are, and wherever you are on the journeys of faith and life, you are always welcome here!*

Welcome to all visitors! Please make yourself at home here. We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the Offering Plates later in the service. If you would like to introduce yourself to Rev. Sean Patrick or any member, we would love to meet you!

Families with young children may want to explore the “prayground” area in the back of the Sanctuary. Children are always welcome to be their authentic selves here: noises, wiggles, and all. If parents with little ones would like to be in a child-centered space where you can hear the service, the Nursery is available, just beyond the doors by the organ. On typical Sundays, we offer Children’s Church (Prek-Grade5) and Youth Group (Grade 6 through High School) during the service. This morning, all ages will worship together in the Sanctuary!

There are hearing amplifiers available for all those who need them. We also have a wheel chair if needed. Please ask an usher for assistance, and they’d be happy to help.

Dear Easter People,

*“Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!”*

These words, which we proclaim each year on this holy day, ring with joy and hope. When you consider the breath of this tradition around the world and across the generations, you can imagine an endless tapestry of people of all ages, languages, and cultures knit together as one Christian community. Yet the good news of Christ’s resurrection is not merely for Christians – it’s a gift extended to all of creation! It promises that love is stronger than hate, death never gets the last word, and life will always prevail. May the hope of that promise fill your heart this morning, and sustain you throughout the year ahead.

Wishing you a Happy Easter!

*Sean Patrick*

Rev. Sean Patrick Coady, Pastor



May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

RESPONSE SONG

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Caribbean

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.  
Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le - lu-ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

CHILDREN/YOUTH CHOIR

“Rejoice! It’s Easter Day!”

9am service only

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:1-10

9am, Youth  
11am, Marliss Sweet

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Come, Proclaim the Victory”  
Congregation joins in the fourth verse

Joseph M. Martin

**Verse 4:  
Choir and Congregation**

\*Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri-umphed o'er the grave And  
rose vic - to - rious in the\_ strife for those He came to save! His  
glo - ries now we sing Who died, and rose on high, Who  
died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

SERMON "Scratch That" Rev. Sean Patrick Coady

HYMN "Hymn of Promise" #515

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father/Mother/God/Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE "Easter Prayer" *Drobinski*

#### TIME OF OFFERING

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit one. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN "Christ is Alive!" #312

#### BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Fanfare on Christ the Lord is Risen Today" *Charles Callahan*

### Today's Notes

Special thank you to all the generous volunteers who make today possible, including our wonderful Choir, Readers, and Ushers: Charlie Emmons, Tred McIntire, Dave Palm, and Larry Williams. Beth will be out of office April 6-8 for her days off and a bonus day in observance of Easter Monday. Rev. Sean Patrick is away on vacation April 6-13, back for a couple of days, then away for Leadership Development with NGLI April 16-20.

### Upcoming Events Worship & Opportunities

**Author Luncheon with Monica Wood** *Friday, April 24, 11:30am*

Award-winning novelist, memorialist, and playwright Monica Wood (*How to Read a Book*), who lives in Portland, will kick off our 2026 season of Author Luncheons. These engaging events are held in the Community Hall, with doors opening at 11am and lunch served at

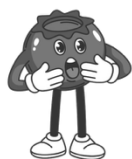
11:30am, followed by a presentation and Q&A by the author. Pricing is \$15 for one luncheon or a season ticket covering all 4 for \$50, payable at the door. To reserve, please contact Cheryl Worcester, [caworchester@gmail.com](mailto:caworchester@gmail.com) or 207-865-0433. Season Schedule:  
4/24: *Monica Wood* 5/5: *Joseph Finder* 9/11: *Liz Mugavero* 11/6: *Beck Dorey-Stein*

### **Easteride Worship! Sundays, 9:30am**

The seasons of Alleluias is here! Join next Sunday, April 12, for an entirely women-led worship. On Sunday, April 19, Rev. Marcia Charles will lead us in worship reflecting on the Beatitudes. On Sunday, April 26, Rev. Sean Patrick returns to lead us in worship.

### **Second Sunday Shindig Sunday, April 12, 11am**

Designed for kids up to and including 5th grade. After Coffee Hour at 11 am on the Second Sunday of the month, kids can return to the Youth Room for a fun craft or game activity. Parents are welcome to come if they want, or enjoy a longer social time downstairs at coffee hour, take a break across the street at the Village Market, or run an errand or two.



———— Save the date! ————

**BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL**

July 31, August 1, August 2, 2026

———— at South Freeport Church ————



All are welcome to South Freeport Church's annual **Blueberry Festival**, a quintessential Maine event with music, artisan crafts, a kids' zone, and lots of delicious food!

- On Friday, July 31, 5:30-7:30pm, we will host a "Downeast Suppah" with live music, and your choice of lobster or grilled chicken. This is the only ticketed event of the weekend.
- On Saturday, Aug. 1, 9am-3pm, the church grounds transform into a festival of fun for all ages, with an outdoor stage featuring a variety of acts, the kids' zone brimming with fun games and crafts, the community hall packed with artists selling their creations, the lunch tent offering hot grilled foods and fresh-squeezed lemonade, and a big, bustling bakesale - featuring all manner of wild blueberry delectables.
- On Sunday Aug. 2, 8:30-11am, we gather for a free community breakfast of blueberry pancakes followed by festive outdoor worship under the big tent!

### **Weekly Ways to Connect**

**Women's Breakfast** gathers 8am on Mondays at The Coffee Maker, 31 Main Street. All are welcome! Come share in some conversation.

**Men's Breakfast** gathers 8:30am on Wednesdays at the Freeport Café, Route 1. All are welcome!

**Mission Pie Sales** happen on Thursdays 3-6pm in our Community Hall. We sell frozen savory and sweet pies, and they are delicious. All sales benefit local mission organizations.

### **The Easter Flowers on the Chancel are Generously Shared by:**

Jim Bell - *"Love"*

Meg Broderick - *"For Peter Broderick"*

Sheri and Dan Bunting - *"Love and Peace"*

Anne and Jim Cram - *"Peace"*

Mark and Bev Curry - *"Pray for World Peace"*

Margaret Davis and Peter Rice - *"Alleluia"*

The Devoes - *"He has Risen!"*

Genie and Joe Field - *"Happy Easter"*

Jennie Gwilym - *"He is risen—May the joy of Easter renew our hearts and fill us with hope."*

Amanda Kent - *"Hosanna"*

Julia Lockwood - *"Peace in the world."*

Laura McDill - *"Peace"*

Deborah McLean - *"Celebrating Spring Birthdays!"*

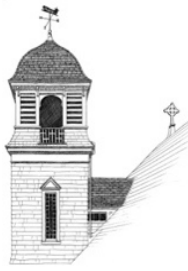
Toni Merrick - *"Joy"*

Lizzie and Tred McIntire - *"In Loving Memory of Lisa and Nick Witte,  
and their eldest daughter, Mary Isabel Witte."*

Bill Stevens - *"Pray for Julie."*

Annie Tuddenham - *"Gratitude"*

Laura Young and Scott Donahue - *"Peace in the world."*



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