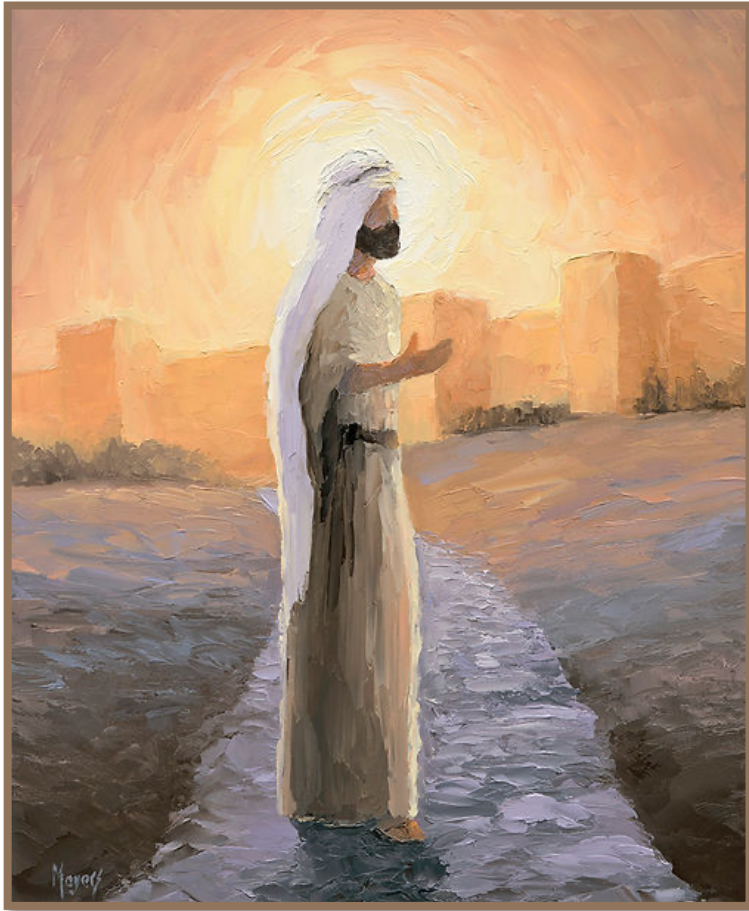


South Freeport Church

An Open & Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ



“Follow Me” by Mike Moyers, 2023

Sunday Worship

May 3, 2026, 9:30am

Welcome to worship at South Freeport Church!

As an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ (UCC), our mission is 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, know that you are welcome here!

Welcome to all **visitors**, it is a delight to worship with you today. Please make yourself at home here. We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card in the back of the pew in front of you, which you can place in the Offering Plate later in the service.

Welcome to all **families**, we offer ways to worship and find community at every age:

- **Nursery Care** is available in the classroom nearest to the doors by the organ.
- After the Time with Young Disciples about fifteen minutes into the service, we invite children to go upstairs for **Children's Church** (PreK to 5th grade) if they wish. Children's Church is led by staff members Beth Dunfee and Brooke Bolduc.
- The **Youth Group** (6th grade and up) gathers in the front two pews each Sunday and heads upstairs to the Loft during the opening hymn, where they are led by two volunteer parents, Sarah Guzmán and Liz Strawbridge. On the first Sunday of the month, Youth Group stays in the Sanctuary for the whole service.
- Children are also welcome to remain in the Sanctuary for the whole service – and be their authentic selves here: noises, wiggles, and all! There is a **"Prayground"** in the back corner that has some books and activities and a rocking chair.

We have **hearing amplifiers** available for all those who need them, located in the back of the Sanctuary. We also have a **wheelchair** if needed. Please ask an usher for assistance, and they'd be happy to help.

Your giving online or in-person enables the nurturing ministry of South Freeport Church to flourish. Each one of us plays an important part in the life of this faith community through the sharing of our gifts, including needed financial support. You can give in-person during the Offering, by mail, or online at southfreeportchurch.org/giving.

After worship, all are welcome to join for **Coffee Hour** in the Community Hall.

Everyone is encouraged to wear a **nametag** so we can call each other by name.

Order of Worship

**Please rise as you are able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Sean Patrick Coady

INTROIT

“This Is the Day”

Drobinski

MEDITATION

Bill Stevens

“All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.”

— Julia of Norwich

CALL TO WORSHIP

Behold, God has woken us up to greet a new day, and brought us to this moment!

All glory and gratitude to the Holy One, Creator of the universe, and Giver of life.

As we gather at Christ’s table, we seek to remember what it means to follow the way.

Let us worship our God, whose gracious Spirit moves in and through us all.

*OPENING HYMN

“As We Gather At Your Table”

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children may now head upstairs to Children’s Church with Ms. Beth and Ms. Brooke.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the way, you invite us to trust you, yet our hearts are often troubled.

We confess that we let fear guide us—fear of not having enough, fear of losing control, fear of what we do not understand. We cling to quick fixes and easy paths, but resist

the slow work of love. When the world overwhelms us, we turn inward, forgetting our neighbors, neglecting your call to compassion and courage. Forgive us, O God.

Gently turn us again toward your way of compassion, justice, and love. Teach us to trust you, even with troubled hearts. We pray, in Christ’s name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

Beloved: receive the mercy of God, who calls you from despair into hope and from remorse into repair. God has given you capacity for strength and compassion.

The Holy One journeys with us, showering grace upon us all. The Spirit receives and amplifies our prayers. Christ will lead the way to life and love everlasting. Alleluia!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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.

SCRIPTURE

John 14:1-14

Bill Stevens

SERMON

“The Way”

Rev. Sean Patrick Coady

CHORAL ANTHEM

“At the Table of the Lord” *Joseph M. Martin and David Angerman*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Joys and Concerns

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father/Mother/God, 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.

Words of Institution

*Sharing Bread and Cup

“The Body of Christ”

Drobinski

Prayer After Communion

Choral Response

“Sevenfold Amen”

Drobinski

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

*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.

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN

“Come My Way, My Truth, My Life”

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BENEDICTION

SUNG RESPONSE

“Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong, and true. Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others, so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.

POSTLUDE

GRATITUDE FOR OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

We are very thankful for Larry Williams and Tred McIntire for ushering, Bill Stevens for reading, and Margaret Davis for providing altar flowers, and hosting Coffee Hour today. *Coffee hour hosts, ushers, and altar flower providers are needed! You can sign up to serve as an usher, share flowers, or host coffee hour using the sheets in the Community Hall. Your help matters and is needed as we seek to be a church of abundant welcome and radical hospitality.*

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Called to Care: Tuesday, May 12, 11am via Zoom

Council: Tuesday, May 12, 6:30pm via Zoom

Christian Education Retreat: Sunday, May 3, afternoon at Liz's.

Deacons: Monday, May 4, 5:45pm via Zoom

Events Team: Monday, April 27, 5:30 pm via Zoom

Green Team: TBA

Missions Committee: Tuesday, April 28, 3pm via Zoom

UPCOMING EVENTS

Confirmation: Wednesday, April 29, 7pm in the Youth Room upstairs

Confirmation Retreat: May 9-10, Pilgrim Lodge

Confirmation Sunday: May 10, during worship in the Sanctuary

Earth Sunday: May 17 during and after worship

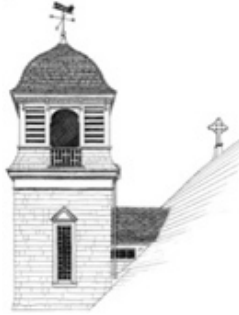
Children's Sunday: May 31 during worship in the Sanctuary

Pie Sales: Thursdays, 3-6pm in the Community Hall. All proceeds are given away to local missions.

Weekly Men's Breakfast: Wednesdays, 8:30am at Freeport Café

Weekly Women's Breakfast: Mondays, 8am at The Coffee Maker, 31 Main St, Freeport

Fourth Friday at the Foreside Ladies Lunch: Friday, May 22, 12 noon, Foreside Restaurant, Route One, Falmouth



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