

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, July 20, 2025
6th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Pamela Wentworth

Prelude: *Chloe's Memories and Melodies: "On Eagle's Wings"* Micheal Joncas
Chole Jeon - Violin

Welcome: Pamela Wentworth

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come, you who wonder where God is working in your life.

People: We come to seek the One whose grace moves quietly among us.

Leader: In unfamiliar places and uncertain steps,

People: God's hand gently leads and provides.

Leader: Through acts of kindness and glimpses of favor,

People: We see signs of a love that never lets go.

Leader: Let us worship the One whose providence meets us in every field.

People: With trust and gratitude, we lift our hearts to God.

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

God of unseen grace, you are always near – guiding, providing, and caring, even when we do not see it. As Ruth found favor in a field not her own, help us recognize your hand at work in our daily lives. May this time of worship open our eyes to your quiet faithfulness and stir in us a deeper trust in your goodness. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH #103

***Praise Song:** "Lead Me, Guide Me" TFWS #2214

Children's Moment: Pastor Doby Amos

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: Ruth 2:1-12, 17-20 Anita Ritchie

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:

"Ruth Sermon Series: Small Story, Big Grace
Week 2: A Hidden Hand in Every Field"

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: Today's offering will benefit **UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee on Relief). **UMCOR** offers immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health, and peace. **Giving Page:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

"Acclamation"
FUMC Choir

Robert Ray

*Doxology:

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Generous God, all that we have comes from your hand. As Ruth gleaned from the abundance of the field, so we give from what you have provided. Receive our offerings and use them to sow hope, healing, and kindness in places of need. May they bear fruit that honors you. Amen.

*Closing Song:

"Walking in the Light of God"

Arr. D. McIntyre

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude:

"Walking in the Light of God"
(Reprise)

Arr. D. McIntyre

Scripture Passage for Sunday, July, 20 2025

Liturgist: Anita Ritchie

Ruth 2:1-12, 17-20

Ruth Meets Boaz

2 Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband's side, a prominent rich man of the family of Elimelech whose name was Boaz. **2** And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain behind someone in whose sight I may find favor." She said to her, "Go, my daughter." **3** So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. **4** Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, "The LORD be with you." They answered, "The LORD bless you." **5** Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "To whom does this young woman belong?" **6** The young man who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab." **7** She said, 'Please, let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers.' So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now without resting even for a moment."^[a]

8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. **9** Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped and follow behind them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn." **10** Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?" **11** But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. **12** May the LORD reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!"

17 So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. **18** She picked it up and came into the town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gleaned. Then she took out and gave her what was left over after she herself had been satisfied. **19** Her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, saying, "The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz." **20** Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "Blessed be he by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a relative of ours, one of our nearest kin."^[a]

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
UMH #103

(Verse 1)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
The Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

(Verse 2)

Unresting, unhasting,
And silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains
High soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love.

(Verse 3)

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish
As leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish,
But naught changeth thee.

(Verse 4)

Thou reignest in glory;
Thou dwellest in light;
Thine angels adore thee,
All veiling their sight;
All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
Of light hideth thee.

Praise Hymn:
"Lead Me, Guide Me"
TFWS #2214

(Chorus)

**Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

(Verse 1)

I am weak, and I need thy strength and power
To help me through my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 2)

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 3)

I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without Thy light to see,
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(Repeat Chorus)

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 Song:
"Walking in the Light of God"
Traditional Zulu
Arr. Dean McIntyre

Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walking in the light of God.
(2X)

Walk, walk, walk, walk,
Walking in the light of God.
Walk, walk, walk, walk,
Walking in the light of God.

Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walking in the light of God.
(2X)

'Ham-ba, 'ham-ba, 'ham-ba, 'ham-ba,
Walking in the light of God.
'Ham-ba, 'ham-ba, 'ham-ba, 'ham-ba,
Walking in the light of God.

Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walking in the light of God.
(2X)

'Ham-ba koo kah nigh nee,
'Ham-ba koo kah nigh nee,
'Ham-ba koo kah nigh nee,
Walking in the light of God.

Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walking in the light of God.
(2X)

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 Joanne & Verl McKinney in celebration of their 70th Wedding Anniversary, and by Carol & Susan Davison, "In memory of our dear mother, Nancy".

Thank you to everyone who helped pack the Lunch Bags for E.H.A.P., as well as those who contributed to the contents. Together, we packed **105** bags!

The **Elizabeth Circle** will be meeting at noon on **July 28th**, at Huddy's Restaurant in Colts Neck. All women are invited to attend. Register your intent to participate to Anita Ritchie, anitatritchie@gmail.com.

Olde Freehold Day is **August 2nd** from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Lake Topanemus. Bakers are needed, as well as help setting up, breaking down and selling. Please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Memories and Melodies - A Summer Project by Chloe Jeon

This summer, Chloe Jeon is inviting you to join her in a special musical journey called Memories and Melodies. Many of you have experienced Chloe's gift for the violin during worship. Now, she hopes to deepen that experience by connecting music with the personal stories that make it meaningful. She writes:

"If you have a song that's close to your heart - any song - I'd love for you to share it with me along with a short story about what it means to you. I'll prepare and share these songs on the violin during our summer services, and with your permission, I'll also share your story."

Your song can be sacred or secular, classical or contemporary - what matters most is its meaning to you. Let's make this a season of music, memories, and connection.

Songs and stories can be submitted through the Newsletter, or emailed to Pastor Yoseb: pastor@freeholdmethodist.org.

Please donate your new or gently used sneakers, shoes, or work boots and new socks, for BOTH men and women. While black socks are preferred for men, white athletic socks will also be accepted.

Place your donations in the "shoe" box in Missions Hall. Donations will be accepted throughout July.

July Birthdays

(04) Kimberly Dunsavage	(13) Carolyn Dahl	(26) Lan Wilson
(06) Eric Darby	(15) Luanne Kip	(26) AnnMarie Meredith
(06) Diane Mulholland	(18) Greg Schwarzkopf	(27) Larry Jamison
(09) Carolyn Heuser	(19) Paula Taylor	(30) Jan Hall
(09) Elise Tagatac	(24) Christine Calcao	(30) Gabriel Sterling
(10) Crystal Taylor	(24) Peter Calcao	(31) Rev. Christina Zito

This Week at a Glance (July 21 – July 27)

Monday:	7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM) 7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. - CarFit Program (Encompass Health – 2 Centre Plaza, Tinton Falls, NJ) 7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall) 7:30 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Classroom)
Thursday:	8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
Friday:	***
Saturday:	9:00 a.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall till 4:00 p.m.)
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. - Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 9:30 a.m. - Soloist Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)

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

*** No Events Scheduled

Community Event:

CarFit Program “Helping Mature Drivers Find Their Safest Fit”

**July 23rd from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Tinton Falls
(2 Centre Plaza, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724**

CarFit is “an educational program developed by AARP and the American Occupational Therapy Association that offers older adults the opportunity to check how well their personal vehicles ‘fit’ them. The program provides information and materials on community-specific resources that could enhance their safety as drivers and/or increase their mobility in the community”

(<https://car-fit.org/>). See Andrea Garcia for more information.