

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, September 6, 2026
15th Sunday after Pentecost**

We will be celebrating communion this morning.

For those of you joining us from home, please have bread and juice/wine available to participate.

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude

Welcome: Verl McKinney

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Jesus calls us not simply to come to church, but to be the church.

People: We come to learn the way of love together.

Leader: When relationships are strong, let us give thanks. When relationships are difficult, let us seek understanding.

People: We will listen with humility, speak with grace, and walk in love.

Leader: Christ promises to be present when we gather in his name.

People: So we gather in hope, trusting that Christ is among us.

Leader: Come, people of God. Let us worship together.

People: Together, let us learn to be the church.

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

God who calls us into community, you have not called us to follow you alone. You gather us as your people and teach us to live together in love. Give us humility to listen, courage to speak with grace, patience with one another, and hearts ready to forgive. Shape us through our worship today, so that together we may learn more fully what it means to be your church. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” UMH #89

***Praise Song:** “The Gift of Love” UMH #408

Children’s Time: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

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: “Bind Us Together” TFWS #2226

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:15-20 Pamela Wentworth

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:

“Ekklesia, Learning to Be Church”

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for August will benefit Native American Ministries. Your gift funds urban ministries with Native Americans, scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist seminaries, and annual conference Native American ministries. **Giving Page:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

“Canon in D”
Mitch Samu, Piano

J. Pachelbel

*Doxology:

“Thank You, God”

Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Generous God, you have gathered us into a community where every person has something to give and every person has something to receive. Bless these gifts and bless the lives they represent. Use what we offer to build a church where people are welcomed, relationships are nurtured, burdens are shared, and your love becomes visible in the world. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

Celebration of Communion:

*Sung Responses: “Communion Settings”

UMH 12-14
TFWS #2257 (b, c, d)

Communion Song:

“How Beautiful”

Twila Paris

Prayer: (In Unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Song:

“Over My Head”

TFWS #2148

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Reading:

Liturgist: Pamela Wentworth

Matthew 18:15-20

Reproving Another Who Sins

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you,^[a] go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn:
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
UMH #89

(Verse 1)

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

(Verse 2)

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

(Verse 3)

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

(Verse 4)

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music lifts us sunward,
In the triumph song of life.

Praise Song:
"The Gift of Love"
UMH #408

(Verse 1)

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

(Verse 2)

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

(Verse 3)

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.

Prayer Song:
"Bind Us Together"
UMH #2226

Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together in love.

There is only one God,
There is only one King;
There is only one body,
That is why we can sing.

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!

"Communion Settings"
TFWS #2257
(b, c, d)

Holy, holy, holy Lord;
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the one who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Communion Song:
"How Beautiful"
Twila Paris

(Verse 1)
How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.

(Chorus)
How beautiful, how beautiful,
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

(Verse 2)
How beautiful the heart that bled,
That took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes
That chose to forgive and never despise.

(Chorus)
How beautiful, how beautiful,
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

(Bridge)
And as He laid down His life
We offer this sacrifice
That we will live just as He died:
Willing to pay the price,
Willing to pay the price.

(Verse 3)
How beautiful the radiant Bride
Who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes.
How beautiful when humble hearts give
The fruit of pure lives so that others may live.

(Chorus)
How beautiful, how beautiful,
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

(Verse 4)
How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the King.
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.

(Chorus)
How beautiful, how beautiful,
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

Closing Song:
"Over My Head"
TFWS #2148

(Chorus)

Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
Over my head, I hear music in the air;
There must be a God somewhere.

Oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air;*
Oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air;*
Oh, when the world is silent, *I hear music in the air;*
There must be a God somewhere.

(Repeat Chorus)

And when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air;*
And when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air;*
And when I'm feeling lonely, *I hear music in the air;*
There must be a God somewhere.

(Repeat Chorus)

Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air;*
Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air;*
Now when I think on Jesus, *I hear music in the air;*
There must be a God somewhere.

(Repeat Chorus)

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.

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Gilbert & Jane Heaton, in celebration of their anniversary.

Have you reserved your spot for the "Elizabeth Circle of FUMC Day Apart"?

Sat. Sept. 26, 2026 - 9am-4pm at the home of Melanie Bowen - 66 East Milan Blvd., Farmingdale

Cost \$20.00 (includes program, breakfast bagels and lunch!)

Space is limited! (20 women). Contact Melanie Bowen: 908-770-6596 mbowenni@gmail.com



Save the Date: September Soul Supper – Thursday, September 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Join us in **Wesley Hall** for a delicious Italian meal: Baked Ziti, Chicken Parm, Eggplant Parm, Meatballs, Salad and Italian Bread. Ice Cream and Cookies will finish the meal. Please sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend.

If you would like to help with the meal set-up and prep, we will be meeting in the kitchen on September 23rd at 1:00 p.m.



Calling All Church Members! We would like to update our dishes in the kitchen to ones that are more attractive, but more importantly, to ones that are more lightweight. We are asking for any help you might provide in the way of funds to pay for the 90 place settings we would like to purchase. Each case contains 6 – three-piece settings for \$80. Cash or checks for any amount can be put in a Pew Envelope marked "Dishes." Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Unable to make it to church? There are several ways you can join us virtually: Find us on:

- **Our website:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/livestream
- **Youtube.com:** search Freehold Methodist Church
- **Our Newsletter:** Click on the service title picture.
- **ZOOM:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2890014881?pwd=QnpGZkxudzR4cU9zV0hYcnlQV0hjZz09&omn=82251952816>

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This Week at a Glance (September 7 – September 13)

Monday:	***	Labor Day
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
	7:00 p.m. -	"Second Tuesday" (Sanctuary)
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. -	Nominations Committee Meeting (ZOOM)
	7:00 p.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Classroom)
Thursday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
Friday:	6:00 p.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Coffee Room)
Saturday:	9:30 a.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)
Sunday:	8:30 a.m. -	Seekers Class (Seeker's Classroom)
	8:45 a.m. -	Children's Sunday School (Classrooms)
	9:00 a.m. -	Joyful Noise Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m. -	Choir Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m. -	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m. -	Fellowship Time and Refreshments (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 p.m. -	iZion Christian Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)

September Birthdays

(02) Diana L. Dreyer	(06) Dora Moore
(02) Cara Hennessey	(10) Susan Mulholland
(03) Rachel Englert	(18) Bob Sterling
(04) Charlie Mongano	(20) Sammy Jeon
	(30) Katelyn Cronin

Ways to Give to the Church:

- 1) **Sign-up for Subsplash!**
- 2) Download the FUMC church app! Go to the app store on your smartphone or tablet and search “First UMC Freehold”. Look for a blue icon with the Methodist cross and flame.
- 3) Go to our website: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give
- 4) Text-to-give by texting “freeholdumc” to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483)
- 5) Mail a check to 91 West Main St. Freehold, NJ 07728
- 6) **VENMO**@FumcFreehold.
- 7) Scan the **QR code** on the card located in the pew card holders.



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