

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, July 12, 2026
7th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude

Welcome: Verl McKinney

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come, for God meets us on every road we travel.

People: We come seeking God's guidance and grace.

Leader: Come, for God's mercy reaches us even when we lose our way.

People: We come trusting in God's transforming love.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who calls us into new life.

People: We offer ourselves to God with thankful hearts.

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

God of transformation, you meet us in unexpected moments and call us into new life. When we are confident in our own ways, open our eyes to your truth. When we stumble or fall, remind us that your grace is never far away. As we worship today, shape our hearts, renew our minds, and lead us wherever you would have us go. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Hymn of Promise" UMH #707

***Praise Song:** "I Saw the Light" Hank Williams Sr.

Children's Moment: 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: "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Paul Baloche

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-9 Melanie Bowen

Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace

[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form:

[\[www.freeholdmethodist.org\]](http://www.freeholdmethodist.org)

Message: "Faith on Canvas: The Gospel Through the Eyes of Artists –
Week 4: "The Grace of Falling (The Conversion on the Way to Damascus by Caravaggio)"
Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for July will benefit **ThailandNow.org**. ThailandNow Ministry protects vulnerable children from being trafficked in the sex and drug trades in Thailand.

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "On Eagle's Wings" Michael Joncas
FUMC Choir

*Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #895

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Holy God, we thank you for your grace that meets us, changes us, and sends us into the world. Receive these gifts and use them to further your work of healing, reconciliation, and hope. May all that we offer today serve your purposes and bring glory to your name. Amen.

*Closing Song: "Your Grace Is Enough" Matt Maher

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-9

Liturgist: Melanie Bowen

The Conversion of Saul

9 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing;^[a] so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn:
"Hymn of Promise"
UMH #707

(Verse 1)

In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

(Verse 2)

There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness,
Bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
What it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

(Verse 3)

In our end is our beginning;
In our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing;
In our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

Praise Song:
"I Saw the Light"
Hank Williams Sr.

(Verse 1)

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin,
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in.
Then, Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

(Chorus)

**I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more in darkness, no more in night.
(And) now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight,
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.**

(Verse 2)

Just like a blind man I wandered along,
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.
Then like the blind man that
God gave back his sight,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

(Chorus)

**I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more in darkness, no more in night.
(And) now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight,
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.**

(Verse 3)

I was a fool to wander and stray,
Straight is the gate, and narrow the way.
Now I have traded the wrong for the right.
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

(Chorus)

**I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more in darkness, no more in night.
(And) now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight,
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.**

Prayer Song:
"Open the Eyes of My Heart"
Paul Baloche

(Chorus 2X)
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You.

(Verse)
To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

(Chorus 2X)
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You.

(Verse)
To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You.

(3X)

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:
"Your Grace Is Enough"
Matt Maher

(Verse 1)
Great is Your faithfulness, O God.
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy.
And nothing can keep us apart.

(Pre-Chorus)
(So) remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.

(Chorus 1)
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

(Verse 2)
Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob.
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,
And all Your people sing along.

(Pre-Chorus)
(So) remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.

(Chorus 1)
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Yeah, your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

(Pre-Chorus)
Remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.

(Chorus 2)

Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Yeah, Your grace is enough.
Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I sing, Your grace is enough.
I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me,
For me.

(End)

It's enough for me.

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 Anne Mayer & Dan Tagatac in celebration of Elise's birthday.

Don't forget to schedule One on One Time with Pastor Yoseb. Sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall to set up some personal time with our Pastor. Office@freeholdmethodist.org (732-462-1745)

FUMC School Supply Mission: Throughout July and August, we will be collecting backpacks and supplies for kids at **Freehold Learning Center**. Below is a list of needed supplies:

❖ **Childrens' Backpacks**

❖ **Writing Tools:**

- #2 Pencils (Sharpened)
- Large Pink Erasers
- 24-Count Crayola Crayons
- Washable Markers

❖ **Organization and Paper:**

- Pocket Folders (often labeled by subject)
- Primary Composition Notebooks (with blank space for drawings at the top and lines at the bottom)

❖ **Classroom Essentials:**

- Glue Sticks (Jumbo)
- Child-Safe Blunt Scissors
- Dry-Erase Markers (usually black)
- Pencil Pouch (or pouch to hold supplies)

❖ **Shared/General Supplies:**

- Boxes of Facial Tissue
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Ziplock Storage Bags (gallon or quart sizes)

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 (July 13 – July 19)

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Jersey Girls (Wesley Hall)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Classroom)
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
Wednesday: 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)
7:00 p.m. - Administrative Council Meeting (ZOOM)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
Friday: ***
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary)
Sunday: 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)

July Birthdays

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

COMMUNITY:



United Theatre Presents: “The Lightning Thief – The Percy Jackson Musical”
July 10 & 11 at 7:00 p.m.
July 12 at 1:00 p.m.
On the Wesley Hall Stage

Tickets: \$20 (Adult), \$15 (Student), \$10 (12 & under)

Tickets can be purchased online at: Unitedtheatreinc.org, or at the door. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Refreshments will be sold.