

First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin

Sunday, May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday

Welcome and Announcements:

Sharon Shutzer

Prelude

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

People: Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

People: Let your wind of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us from complacency.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

**People: Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God's presence and love in everything we say and do.
AMEN.**

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples, hidden in an upper room in Jerusalem. A violent wind and tongues of fire were the symbols of a new thing happening in their lives. May your Holy Spirit burst into our lives today, encouraging and inspiring us to proclaim boldly the good news of Jesus Christ who offers healing and hope to all people. AMEN.

*Opening Hymn:

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

UMH #404

*Praise Song:

"Holy Spirit, Rain Down"

Russell Fragar

Children's Time:

Pastor Doby Amos

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:

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

UMH #328

Pastoral Prayer:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer:

UMH #895

Scripture Reading:

Acts 2:1-21

Anne Mayer

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:

"The Wind Still Blows"

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for May will benefit **Peace with Justice**. Gifts to the Peace with Justice offering strengthen ministries like refugee resettlements and other justice ministries in our annual conference and around the world. **Giving Page:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "Because of Your Love" Paul Baloche
FUMC Choir

*Doxology: "Thank You God" Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Merciful God, the blessings of Pentecost continue to birth hope for the future and offer blessings for those in need. May today's offering bring love and light to those who have yet to touch the holy wind and sacred fire of your Spirit. Amen.

*Closing Song: "This Little Light of Mine" Spiritual

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Liturgist: Anne Mayer

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7** Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." **12** All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" **13** But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews^[a] and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. **15** Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. **16** No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn:
“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”
UMH #404

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,
Out of His mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so shine,
Ask my Lord if all was mine.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

Jordan River runs right cold,
Chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track,
Runs to heaven and right back.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

Praise Song:
“Holy Spirit, Rain Down”
Russell Fragar

(Chorus 2X)
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down,
O, Comforter and Friend,
How we need Your touch again.
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down,
Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard,
Come and change our hearts
As we stand on Your Word.
Holy Spirit, rain down.

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(Verse)

No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
No mind can know what God has in store.
So, open up heaven, open it wide,
Over Your church, and over our lives.

(Chorus)

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down,
O, Comforter and Friend,
How we need Your touch again.
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down,
Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard,
Come and change our hearts
As we stand on Your Word.
Holy Spirit, rain down.

(Ending)

Rain down, rain down,
Rain down, rain down,
Rain down, rain down,
Rain.

Prayer Song:
“Surely the Presence of the Lord”
UMH #328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

(Repeat)

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!

All through the night
I’m gonna let it shine!
All through the night
I’m gonna let it shine!
All through the night
I’m gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

This little light of mine.
I’m gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine.
I’m gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine.
I’m gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Closing Song:
“This Little Light of Mine”
Spiritual

This little light of mine.
I’m gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine.
I’m gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine.
I’m gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel? No!
I’m gonna let it shine!
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I’m gonna let it shine!
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I’m gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Everywhere I go
I’m gonna let it shine!
Everywhere I go
I’m gonna let it shine!
Everywhere I go
I’m gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

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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 Lyn & Don Johnson.

Tell your friends about FUMC's Vacation Bible School 2026

"Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God"

June 29 – July 2 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

For children Pre-K – 5th Grade.

Children will enjoy games, crafts, music, bible stories & more!

Registration deadline: May 31st.



Volunteers are needed to cover **office hours (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.)** while Susan Zuckerman is away. There is a sign-up sheet in Wesley Hall. If you would like to help out, please sign up on the dates you are available. Any help you can give is appreciated!

Community Events:

Enjoy **Freehold Borough's 152nd Memorial Day Parade (Monday, May 25th)** from the church lawn. The church will be open for use of the facilities. Please drive into the parking lot from Broad Street as Main Street will be closed. The day begins with a Service of Reflection at 8:30 a.m. at Elks Point to honor those who died in service to the U.S. Following the Service of Reflection, the borough's 152nd Memorial Day Parade will begin at 9:45 a.m. at Brinckerhoff Avenue and West Main Street.

Freehold Area Open Door GRAND REOPENING! Freehold Area Open Door is thrilled to announce their move to a new, larger location! The new facility almost doubles their size and is custom-designed to better meet the needs of our neighbors and volunteers. Join us to celebrate at the Grand Reopening event, taking place at the new facility, at **80 Throckmorton St. in Freehold, on Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 1 - 4 pm.** The celebration is open to the public.

Food, entertainment, and the opportunity to celebrate with your friends and neighbors!

www.faopendoor.org

This Week at a Glance (May 25 – May 31)

Monday: MEMORIAL DAY

9:45 A.M. - Memorial Day Parade (Main Street)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal – *Tentative (Wesley Hall)

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - Oasis Bible Study (Coffee Room)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Classroom)

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 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)
11:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5:00 p.m. - iZion Christian Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)

May Birthdays

(14) Kim O'Brien	(19) Annabell Minty	(21) Virginia Sologuren	(23) Thomas Dreyer
(14) Susan Wilson	(20) Connor Groh	(21) Vivian Walters	(29) Carrie Shutzer
(17) Sharon Shutzer	(20) Myra Pierce	(22) Tresssa Johnson	(30) Bryan Wilson
			(30) Stephanie Walters-Laurino

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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