

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, September 28, 2025
16th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Linda Gatti

Prelude

Welcome: Linda Gatti

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers, says the Lord.

People: We gather as children of God, called to peace.

Leader: God sends us to live in trust, safety, and hope.

People: We pray for those who protect and serve our town.

Leader: Let us worship the God who makes peace through love.

People: With grateful hearts, we come to seek God's peace.

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

God of peace, we thank you for those who keep watch over our community: police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and all who serve. Surround them with your strength and your protection. Teach us to be makers of peace in our homes, our streets, and our church. May this time of worship shape us into a people who trust you and live by your peace. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" UMH #712

***Praise Song:** "Peace Prayer" John B. Foley

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 Song: "Grace Alone" TFWS #2162

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:9; Micah 6:8 Gilbert Heaton

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:

Sermon Series: "This Is Our Community"
Week 3 – "Blessed Are the Peacemakers"

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Guest Speaker:

Chief Christopher Colaner

Offering Time: The Special Offering for the month of September will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

"Are You Listening?"
Joan Kinney, Soloist

Mitch Samu

*Doxology:

"Thank You, God"

Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer – UMC Discipleship (In Unison):

God of justice and peace, we bring these gifts with thankful hearts. Use them to heal divisions, build trust, and extend care to the vulnerable. May our giving be an instrument of peace in this community and beyond. We offer them in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

*Closing Song:

"What Does the Lord Require of You"

Mark A. Miller

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude:

"What Does the Lord Require of You"
(Reprise)

Mark A. Miller

Scripture Passage for Sunday, September 28, 2025
Matthew 5:9; Micah 6:8

Liturgist: Gilbert Heaton

Matthew 5:9

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"
UMH #712

I sing a song of the saints of God,
Patient brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died
For the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, one was a queen,
And one was a shepherdess on the green;
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
And his love made them strong;
And they followed the right for Jesus' sake
The whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
And one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
And there's not any reason, no, not the least,
Why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past;
There are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints
Who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, on the street,
In the store,
In church, by the sea, in the house next door;
They are saints of God, whether rich or poor,
And I mean to be one too.

Praise Hymn:
"Peace Prayer" (v. 1, 2, 3)
John B. Foley

Lord, make me a means of your peace.
Where there is hatred grown,
Let me sow your love.
Where there's injury, Lord,
Let forgiveness be my sword.
Lord, make me a means of your peace.

Lord, make me a means of your peace.
Where there's doubt and fear,
Let me sow your faith.
In this world's despair,
Give me hope in you to share.
Lord, make me a means of your peace.
Lord, make me a means of your peace.
When there's sadness here,
Let me sow your joy.
When the darkness nears,
May your light dispel our fears.
Lord, make me a means of your peace.

Prayer Song:
"Grace Alone"
TFWS #2162

Every promise we can make,
Every prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we will make
Is only by His grace.

Every mountain we will climb,
Every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind
Is only by His grace.

Grace alone which God supplies,
Strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone;
We will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach,
Every heart we hope to teach,
Everywhere we share His peace
Is only by His grace.

(Continued...)

Every loving word we say,
Every tear we wipe away,
Every sorrow turned to praise
Is only by His grace.

Grace alone which God supplies,
Strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone;
We will go forth in grace alone.

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!

Walk humbly with your God!
Walk humbly with your God!
Walk humbly with your God!
Walk humbly with your God!
(Repeat 2X)

Justice! Kindness!
Walk humbly with your God!
Justice! Kindness!
Walk humbly with your God!
(2X)

Closing Song:
"What Does the Lord Require of You"
Mark A. Miller

*With what shall I come before the Lord?
And bow myself before God on high?
God has told you, has told you,
O mortal, what is good, is good.*

What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?
I want to know! I want to know!
(2X)

Justice! Kindness!
Walk humbly with your God!
Justice! Kindness!
Walk humbly with your God!

(Instrumental Break)

What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?
I want to know! I want to know!

Justice! Kindness!
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(Instrumental Break)

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.

Spaces have opened up for the Women's Retreat "The Power of Touch". The one-day retreat will be held on **Saturday, October 18th from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** at the home of Melanie Bowen (66 East Milan Blvd., Farmingdale, NJ) and will be led by Rev. Christina Zito. The cost for the retreat is \$20. A catered lunch will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please contact Melanie Bowen: 908-770-6596 mbowenni@gmail.com or Rev. Christina Zito: 913-961-4476 cczito@optimum.net

2025 Church Conference Information:

Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025

Location: St Johns UMC (2000 Florence Ave, Hazlet, NJ 07730)

Time: Worship at 10:00 a.m. Church Conference at 11:00 a.m.

All members of the church are encouraged to attend.

Dates are open for anyone who would like to supply **refreshments for our Fellowship Time**. Dates available are: October 12th, November 23rd and 30th, and all of December. Refreshments can be homemade or store bought.

September Birthdays

(02) Diana L. Dreyer	(06) Dora Moore	(18) Bob Sterling
(02) Cara Hennessey	(10) Susan Mulholland	(25) Dawn A. Tephford
(03) Rachel Englert	(13) Rich Budalich	(30) Katelyn Cronin
(04) Charlie Mongano	(15) Jaslin Davison	

October Birthdays

(01) Allein Sampieri (Daughter)	(14) Allein Sampieri	(28) Leah Zuckerman
(05) Grace Mulholland	(25) John Martz	(31) George Sologuren
(13) Peyton Avallone	(25) Lindsay Davala	

This Week at a Glance (September 29 – October 5)

Monday:	2:00 p.m. - Elizabeth Circle Meeting (Wesley Hall) 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:	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:	8:30 a.m. - Seekers Study (Seekers Classroom) 8:45 a.m. - Sunday School (Classrooms) 9:00 a.m. - Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 9:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)

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

*** No Events Scheduled