

**4First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, August 17, 2025
10th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude: *Chloe's Memories and Melodies*
"In the Garden" Rich Heffler

Welcome: Verl McKinney

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come, all who thirst for meaning and truth.

People: We come to meet the One who offers living water.

Leader: Jesus meets us where we are, in the heat of our day.

People: We are seen, known, and loved.

Leader: Let us worship the God who draws near to us.

People: With open hearts, we come to encounter the living Christ.

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

Living God, You meet us in unexpected places, speaking truth into our weariness and hope into our emptiness. Just as Jesus met a woman at the well and offered her living water, meet us here today. Let your Spirit fill us so that our worship overflows with gratitude, and our lives reflect your grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" UMH #173

***Praise Song:** "Holy Spirit, Rain Down" Russell Fragar

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: "Even You Are Welcome" Mitch Samu

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: John 4:4-19, 23-26 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: Sermon Series: "Encounter, Engage, Empower"
Week 1 - Encounter: "The Meeting That Changes Everything" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for the month of August will benefit The Freehold Area OPEN DOOR.

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "Is There Anyone?" Mitch Samu
Kathy Mulholland - Soloist

*Doxology: "Thank You God" Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer – UMC Discipleship (In Unison):

Generous God, all that we have is a gift from you. As you have met our deepest needs, we now bring these gifts to further your work in the world. Use them to bring living water to dry and thirsty places, and to make your love known. In Christ we pray, Amen.

*Closing Song: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" UMH #404

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" UMH #404
(Reprise)

Scripture Passage for Sunday, August 17, 2025

Liturgist: Pamela Wentworth

John 4:4-19, 23-26

⁴ But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, ¹² you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹³ Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹⁴ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁵ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁶ The woman said to him, "Sir, ¹⁷ give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁸ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁹ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' ²⁰ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ²¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, ²² I see that you are a prophet.

²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, ²⁷ the one who is speaking to you."

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"
UMH #173

(Verse 1)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

(Verse 2)

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

(Verse 3)

Visit then this soul of mine;
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

Praise Hymn:
"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.

(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:
"Even You Are Welcome"
Mitch Samu

Even you are welcome,
Even I am welcome,
Even they are welcome,
To touch the face of God.
Everybody's welcome,
Even we are welcome,
All of us together
Can hold the hand of God.
(2x)

If you're not here
There's something that is missing.
Without you here we all are incomplete.
Because if you are not invited
Then count me out as well;
The God I know has room for us all.

Even you are welcome,
Even I am welcome,
Even they are welcome,
To touch the face of God.
Everybody's welcome,
Even we are welcome,
All of us together
Can hold the hand of God.
(2x)

All of us together
Can hold the hand of God.

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!

Closing Song:
"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 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.

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 donated by Ed & Lynne Beach, in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary. And by Verl & Joanne McKinney, in celebration of Verl's 90th birthday!

Stay after service today and join us for our **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** in Fellowship Hall. Then, come back into the sanctuary for a piano concert by Mitch Samu.

Save the Date! September 7th is Rally Sunday. This special service will include a variety of members participating through music, poetry, kids dancing, and crafts. We'll celebrate the new program year with Frankie Fed's Food Truck after worship and host a ministry fair to introduce our committees, mission groups and small groups. Invite your family and friends to this very special Sunday!

Loose Change Update: Thank you for your loose change. So far, \$100 has been collected.

August Birthdays

(01) Nathaniel Lawrence Tolas	(18) Gayle Trulli	(25) Lindsey Hennessey
(03) Corbett Corey	(19) Ken Budka	(26) Anita Ritchie
(04) Carolyn Brach	(21) Sandra Hernandez	(27) Ernest Peart
(05) Cassie Sterling	(21) Verl McKinney (90 th)	(30) Shawn Darby
(17) Jessica Cronin	(23) Garrett Ian Englert	(31) Emily Ward

This Week at a Glance (August 18 – August 24)

Monday: ***
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting (ZOOM)
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. - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)

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

*** No Events Scheduled