

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, August 30, 2026
14th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Linda Gatti

Prelude

Welcome: Linda Gatti

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: We come together as the people of God, carrying many stories and many songs.

People: We come to sing of God's faithfulness through every season of life.

Leader: Some songs remind us where we have been. Some give us courage for where we are going.

People: Through every song, we remember the grace that has carried us.

Leader: So, let us sing with gratitude, with joy, and with hope.

People: Let everything within us praise the Lord!

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

God of grace, you have given your people songs for every season of life: songs of joy and sorrow, hope and longing, gratitude and faith. As we worship together today, open our hearts to hear your grace in the songs we sing and in the voices around us. Through familiar words and beloved melodies, remind us of your faithfulness and strengthen us for the journey ahead. May our worship become one joyful offering of praise to you. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" UMH #185

*Praise Song: "He Is Exalted" TFWS #2070

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: "I Know That I Know" Mitch Samu

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:12-17 Dan Tagatac

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]

Hymns of Our Faith
Sharing and Singing Our Favorite Hymns

[During this time, we invite the congregation to raise their hands and share the number of the hymn they would like us to sing. We will then sing that hymn together as a congregation]

Offering Time: **Giving Page:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "In This Very Room" Ron & Carol Harris
FUMC Choir

*Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Faithful God, with grateful hearts, we offer these gifts as part of our worship. Just as our voices join together in song, may our lives join together in love and service. Use what we give today to bring hope, healing, welcome, and grace to our neighbors and our world. May all that we have and all that we are become a song of praise to you. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

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

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Reading:

Liturgist: Dan Tagatac

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord^[a] has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ^[b] rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ^[c] dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.^[d] ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn:
"When Morning Gilds the Skies"
UMH #185

(Verse 1)
When morning gilds the skies
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer,
To Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

(Verse 2)
The night becomes as day
When from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The powers of darkness fear
When this sweet chant they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

(Verse 3)
Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
The loveliest strain is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

(Verse 4)
Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
Through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Praise Song:
"He Is Exalted"
TFWS #2070

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high;
I will praise him.
He is exalted, forever exalted
And I will praise his name!

He is the Lord,
Forever his truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Prayer Song:
"I Know That I Know"
Mitch Samu

I know that I know that I know
That my God loves me.
I know that I know that I know
God is my friend.
I know that I know that I know
God's always with me;
And I know that I know that I know
That God cares.

I know that I know that I know
That Jesus loves me.
I know that I know that I know
He is my friend.
I know that I know that I know
He's always with me;
And I know that I know that I know
Jesus cares.

I know that I know that I know
You are my brother.
I know that I know that I know
You are my friend.
I know that I know that I know
You are my sister;
And I know that I know that I know
That you care.

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.

(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.

Closing 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.

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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 Nancy & Charlie Mongano, "In memory of our granddaughter, Angela."

Stay for a while after service today for our **ICE CREAM SOCIAL!** Enjoy a refreshing bowl of ice cream (or two), and good fellowship as we celebrate the end of summer together.

Save the Date and Reserve Your Spot! "Elizabeth Circle of FUMC Day Apart"; Sat. Sept. 26, 2026 - 9am-4pm

Home of Melanie Bowen - 66 East Milan Blvd., Farmingdale

Paul reminds us in Romans 12:2 "Do not be conformed to this world". A powerful reminder. Don't be imprisoned by your circumstances. Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its mold. Attitude is so important. Through scripture, discussion, and exploring lively ways to color our world with hope, gratitude, commitment we will come to realize that attitude colors our world and determines who we are and how we live day by day.

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

Reserve your spot (limited to 20 women) by contacting Melanie Bowen: 908-770-6596 mbowennj@gmail.com

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 (August 31 – September 6)

***Office hours on Monday and Tuesday will be 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Regular Office Hours will resume on Wednesday, September 2nd.

Monday:	***	(No events scheduled)
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
	7:30 p.m. -	Board of Trustees Meeting (ZOOM)
Wednesday:	7:30 p.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Classroom)
Thursday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
Friday:	***	(No events scheduled)
Saturday:	9:00 a.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. -	Joyful Noise Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m. -	Choir Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m. -	Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m. -	Fellowship Time and Refreshments (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 p.m. -	iZion Christian Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)

August Birthdays

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

September Birthdays

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