

First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin

Sunday, June 21, 2026
4th Sunday after Pentecost / Father's Day

Announcements: Pamela Wentworth

Prelude

Welcome: Pamela Wentworth

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, all who have known the joy of being welcomed home.

People: We come to the God whose love never gives up on us.

Leader: Come, all who long to grow in grace and compassion.

People: We come to learn the love of our heavenly Father.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who invites us to love as we have been loved.

People: We gather in gratitude and praise.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Loving God, you welcome us with open arms and hearts full of grace. We thank you for your patience, your mercy, and your unfailing love. As we gather in worship, help us not only to receive your love, but also to reflect it in our lives. Teach us to forgive as we have been forgiven, to welcome as we have been welcomed, and to love as you have loved us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH #140

*Praise Song: "In Christ Alone" Getty & Townend

*Farewell Litany for Pastor Doby Amos: Pastor Doby Amos & Congregation

Pastor Doby: I thank you, the members and friends of First United Methodist Church of Freehold, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

FUMC Congregation: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister Trinity United Methodist Church of Mullica Hill. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave with your departure.

Pastor Doby: I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I encourage your continuing ministry for Children and Youth and will pray for you.

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 Hymn: "In His Time" TFWS #2203

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading:

Luke 15:20-32

Karen Bennett

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:

“Faith on Canvas: The Gospel Through the Eyes of Artists –
Week 1: The Invitation to Love (The Return of the Prodigal Son by Rembrandt)”

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Litany for Father’s Day:

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Offering Time: The Special Offering for June will benefit **UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)**.

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

“Be Thou My Vision”
Stephanie Palmer, Soloist

Byrne & Hull

*Doxology:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #895

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Generous God, every good gift comes from you. Receive these offerings and use them to share your love with those who are hurting, lonely, or in need of hope. May our giving reflect grateful hearts and a desire to participate in your work of reconciliation and grace. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Closing Song:

“They’ll know We Are Christians by Our Love”

TFWS #2223

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:20-32

Liturgist: Karen Bennett

²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’^[a] ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father^[b] said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn:
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
UMH #140

Great is thy faithfulness,
O God, my father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been,
Thou forever wilt be.

(Chorus)

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
New mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness,
Mercy, and love.

(Repeat Chorus)

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
With ten thousand beside!

(Repeat Chorus)

Praise Song:
"In Christ Alone"
Getty & Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Prayer Song:

“In His Time”

TFWS #2203

(Verse 1)

In His time in His time
He makes all things beautiful
In His time
Lord please show me every day
As You're teaching me Your way
That You do just what You say
In Your time

(Verse 2)

In Your time in Your time
You make all things beautiful
In Your time
Lord my life to You I bring
May each song I have to sing
Be to You a lovely thing
In Your time

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:

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

TFWS #2223

(Verse 1)

We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored:

(Chorus)

**And they’ll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love;
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians
By our love.**

(Verse 2)

We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand,
And together we’ll spread the news
That God is in our land:

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 3)

We will work with each other,
We will work side by side,
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side,
And we’ll guard human dignity
And save human pride:

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 4)

All praise to the Father,
From whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus,
God’s only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit,
Who makes us one:

(Repeat Chorus)

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 Donna Diamant, in celebration of her granddaughters' birthdays.

One on One Time with Pastor Yoseb: Pastor Yoseb would like to connect with everyone in a one-on-one setting. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall with Pastor Yoseb's availability, or you can contact the church office to reserve a date. Office@freeholdmethodist.org (732-462-1745)

The **Elizabeth Circle** will meet on June 22 at 2:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Carol Davison and Anita Richie will provide a program on card making. As always, we will have yummy treats, business and mission work to plan, joys and concerns to share, and, of course lots of smiles! All women are invited to attend.



Our very own FUMC Music Director, Mitch Samu, and his wife, Kristen, will be providing live music on the patio at Frankie Fed's in Freehold on Sunday evening, June 28, 2026 (5:30 pm - 8:00 pm). Come enjoy a wonderful Italian meal or Fed's famous crispy thin-crust pizza and have a great time listening to Mitch's music. It promises to be a very lovely evening. Call Frankie Fed's directly to make reservations (732-294-1333) or let Carol Davison know and she will be happy to keep track of reservations for that evening. Invite your family and friends to join in the fun.

Any questions? Don't hesitate to reach out to Carol. 732-919-1744 (home), 732-740-0388 (cell)

Community:

Senior drivers, join us on **Wednesday, July 8th** as FUMC hosts a **CarFit Event**. Trained volunteers will complete a 12-point checklist with each driver including: Correct position of driver's seat, driver's ability to easily reach pedals, and proper adjustment of mirrors. The program will provide older adults with the tools to understand and apply the safety features of their car. The event will be held in the church parking lot and will run from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Each appointment will last about 20 minutes. **Appointments are encouraged, but not necessary. To schedule an appointment, call: 732-923-4358**

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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June Birthdays

(03) Dexter Prendergast (16) Madison Calcao (25) Anne Mayer (28) Rita Curven
(03) Jane Healton (21) Diane Spangler (26) Marshall Gorman (29) Carmen Hernandez
(06) Carol Davison (21) Laurie Sciortino (28) Daniel Cronin

This Week at a Glance (June 21 – June 28)

Monday: 9:00 a.m. - AAUW Clean-Up (Classrooms & Wesley Hall)
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)
3:00 p.m. - Mission Committee Meeting (Coffee Room)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - Oasis Bible Study (Coffee Room)
7:30 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary or Coffee Room)
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday: ***
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary)
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Joyful Noise 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)

Litany for Father's Day:

Leader: For fathers everywhere, who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love.

People: Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers.

Leader: For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them.

People: Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers that mourn.

Leader: For men who may or may not have children of their own, but act like a father to someone in need of advice, support, nurturing, and love.

People: Holy God, hear this prayer for our father figures.

Leader: For step-fathers who have assumed that role with love and joy, who have loved the children of another as their own, and created a new family.

People: Holy God, hear this prayer for step-fathers.

Leader: For adoptive fathers, who have heard the call of God to lovingly step forward for those that need their care.

People: Holy God, hear this prayer for adoptive fathers.

Leader: For fathers who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to the needs of their children, and have not sustained their families.

People: Holy God, have mercy on absentee fathers.

Leader: For fathers who struggle with temptation, violence, or addiction. For those who do harm, and for those whom they have harmed.

People: Holy God, have mercy on fathers that struggle.

Leader: For new fathers, full of hope. For long-time fathers, full of wisdom. For the fathers yet to be, and fathers soon to be.

People: Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of your Church.

Leader: For those that have shaped our lives without claim of family or kinship. For those who have taught us, guided us, shaped us and molded us into servants of Christ our Lord.

People: Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of our faith.

Leader: God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.