

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, July 19, 2026
8th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude

Welcome: Verl McKinney

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Even when we feel alone God is near.

People: God meets us with grace wherever we are.

Leader: Even when the road ahead is uncertain, God remains faithful.

People: God goes before us and walks beside us.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who never abandons God's people.

People: We come with grateful hearts to worship the Lord.

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

Loving God, you meet us in ordinary places and unexpected moments. When we are weary, uncertain, or burdened by our failures, you remind us that your presence never leaves us. Open our hearts to recognize your grace among us today. Renew our trust in your promises and lead us into deeper faith as we worship you together. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Nearer, My God, to Thee" UMH #528
(V. 1, 2, 3)

*Praise Song: "Lead Me, Guide Me" TFWS #2214

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: "Surely the Presence of the Lord" UMH #328

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Genesis 28:10-19a Andrea Garcia

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:

Jacob: A Journey of Grace
Week 1: "Bethel: Where a Fugitive Met God"

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for July will benefit **ThailandNow.org**. ThailandNow Ministry protects vulnerable children from being trafficked in the sex and drug trades in Thailand.

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

"Vision"

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*Doxology:

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #895

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God of providence, every good gift comes from you. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use them to share your hope with those who feel alone, to bring comfort to those who are weary, and to make your love known in our community and throughout the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Song:

"How Great Is Our God"

Tomlin, Reeves & Cash

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Reading: Genesis 28:10-19a

Liturgist: Andrea Garcia

Jacob's Dream at Bethel

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a stairway^[a] set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the LORD stood beside him^[b] and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed^[c] in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn:
"Nearer, My God, to Thee" (v. 1, 2, 3)
UMH #528

(Verse 1)
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee;
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

(Verse 2)
Though like the wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
My rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to Thee;
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

(Verse 3)
There let the way appear,
Steps unto heaven;
All that Thou sendest me,
In mercy given;
Angles to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee;
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

Praise Song:
"Lead Me, Guide Me"
TFWS #2214

(Chorus)
Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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.

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:
"How Great Is Our God"
Tomlin, Reeves & Cash

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
All the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light,
And darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice,
And trembles at His voice.

(Chorus)
How great is our God,
Sing with me,
How great is our God;
And all will see how great,
How great is our God.

(Continued...)

And age to age He stands,
And time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.

The Godhead, Three in One,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb.

(Chorus)

**How great is our God,
Sing with me,
How great is our God;
And all will see how great,
How great is our God.**

Bridge (2X)

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing
How great is our God.

(Last Chorus)

**How great is our God,
Sing with me,
How great is our God;
And all will see how great,
How great is our God.**

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.

Don't forget to schedule One on One Time with Pastor Yoseb. Sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall to set up some personal time with our Pastor. Office@freeholdmethodist.org (732-462-1745)

FUMC School Supply Mission: Throughout July and August, we will be collecting backpacks and supplies for kids at **Freehold Learning Center**. Below is a list of needed supplies:

❖ **Childrens' Backpacks**

❖ **Writing Tools:**

- #2 Pencils (Sharpened)
- Large Pink Erasers
- 24-Count Crayola Crayons
- Washable Markers

❖ **Organization and Paper:**

- Pocket Folders (often labled by subject)
- Primary Composition Notebooks (with blank space for drawings at the top and lines at the bottom)

❖ **Classroom Essentials:**

- Glue Sticks (Jumbo)
- Child-Safe Blunt Scissors
- Dry-Erase Markers (usually black)
- Pencil Pouch (or pouch to hold supplies)

❖ **Shared/General Supplies:**

- Boxes of Facial Tissue
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Ziplock Storage Bags (gallon or quart sizes)

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 (July 20 – July 26)

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Classroom)
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)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
Friday: ***
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary)
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Joyful Noise Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. - Choir Warm-Up *TBD (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)

July Birthdays

(04) Kimberly Dunsavage	(15) Luanne Kip	(26) AnnMarie Meredith
(06) Eric Darby	(18) Greg Schwarzkopf	(27) Larry Jamison
(06) Diane Mulholland	(19) Paula Taylor	(30) Jan Hall
(09) Carolyn Heuser	(24) Christine Calcao	(30) Gabby Sterling
(09) Elise Tagatac	(24) Peter Calcao	(31) Rev. Christina Zito
(10) Crystal Taylor	(26) Lan Wilson	
