

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, September 20, 2026
17th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Dan Tagatac

Prelude

Welcome: Dan Tagatac

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: We come before the God who created us and knows us completely.

People: And still, God delights in us.

Leader: Not because we are perfect, not because we have earned it,

People: But because God's love is deeper than our failures and greater than our fears.

Leader: So come, beloved children of God, and receive the joy of being loved.

People: With grateful hearts, let us worship the God who delights in us.

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

God of steadfast love, we often find it easier to believe that you tolerate us than to believe that you delight in us. We measure ourselves by our successes and failures, and we imagine that you do the same. Today, open our hearts to the wonder of your love. Let us hear your joy over us and receive the grace we could never earn. Then, teach us to look at one another with the same delight, compassion, and love you have shown us. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Come, Thou Almighty King" UMH #61

***Praise Song:** "All My Days" Miller & Zelman

Children's Time: 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: "Even You Are Welcome" Mitch Samu

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 62:5; Zephaniah 3:17 Rev. Christina Zito

Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace

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[\[www.freeholdmethodist.org\]](http://www.freeholdmethodist.org)*

Message: The Soundtrack of Faith – Week 2:
"God Delights in You" (*My Girl* by The Temptations)
Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for August will benefit Native American Ministries. Your gift funds urban ministries with Native Americans, scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist seminaries, and annual conference Native American ministries. **Giving Page:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "Promised Land" Natalie Sleeth

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

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God who delights in your children, we give not to earn your favor, but because your love has already been freely given. Receive these gifts and use them to share joy, compassion, and hope with your beloved children near and far. May our giving become an expression of the love we have first received from you. Amen.

*Closing Song: "Better Is One Day" Matt Redman

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Reading:

Liturgist: Rev. Christina Zito

Isaiah 62:5

For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder^[a] marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will renew you^[a] in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn:
"Come, Thou Almighty King"
UMH #61

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days!

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend!
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend!

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power!

To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be,
Hence, evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore!

Praise Song:
"All My Days"
Mark Miller & Laurie Zelman

You know my words before they're said.
You know my need and I am fed.
You give me life. You know my ways,
My strength, my path, for all my days,
My strength, my path, for all my days.

(Continued...)

If I should fly beyond the dawn,
The darkness will not overcome.
If I lie down in deepest night,
Still you are there, my Lord my light,
Still you are there, my Lord my light.

Our every thought, each word we say,
The whole of time, the present day,
Are held within your mighty hand,
Too wonderful to comprehend,
Too wonderful to comprehend!

O mend my heart and free my voice.
From sin released, I will rejoice.
O search me, Lord, my spirit cries,
And let my song of praise arise,
And let my song of praise arise!

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.

Sermon Series Song – Week 2:

“My Girl”

Song by The Temptations

I've got sunshine on a cloudy day.
When it's cold outside, I've got the month of May.

I guess you'd say,
What can make me feel this way?

My girl (my girl, my girl),
Talkin' 'bout my girl (my girl).

I've got so much honey the bees envy me.
I've got a sweeter song than the birds in the trees.

I guess you'd say,
What can make me feel this way?

My girl (my girl, my girl)
Talkin' 'bout my girl (my girl).

Ooooh.

Hey, hey, hey!

Hey, hey, hey!

Ooooh.

I don't need no money, fortune, or fame.
I've got all the riches baby one man can claim.

Well, I guess you'd say
What can make me feel this way?

My girl (my girl, my girl),
Talkin' 'bout my girl (my girl).

(Talkin' 'bout my girl).

I've got sunshine on a cloudy day
with my girl.

I've even got the month of May
with my girl.

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:

“Better Is One Day”

Matt Redman

(Verse 1)

How lovely is Your dwelling place,
O Lord Almighty,
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence;
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

(Chorus)

Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere.
(Than thousands elsewhere)

(Verse 2 – 2X)

One thing I ask and I would seek,
To see Your beauty,
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells.

(Bridge)

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God,
Your Spirit's water to my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen,
Come once again to me,
I will draw near to You,
I will draw near to You to You!

(Instrumental Break)

(Bridge)

Better is one day, better is one day,
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day, better is one day,
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere.

(Chorus 2X)

Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere.

(End)

Than thousands elsewhere.

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 Karen Warner Bennett, in memory of Frank Warner.

"Elizabeth Circle of FUMC Day Apart" Sat. Sept. 26, 2026 - 9am-4pm

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

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

Space is limited! (20 women). Contact Melanie Bowen: 908-770-6596 mbowennj@gmail.com

September Soul Supper – Thursday, September 24th at 6:00 p.m.



Join us in **Wesley Hall** this Thursday, for a delicious Italian meal: Baked Ziti, Chicken Parm, Eggplant Parm, Meatballs, Salad and Italian Bread. Ice Cream and Cookies will finish the meal. Please sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend.

If you would like to help with the meal set-up and prep, we will be meeting in the kitchen on September 23rd at 1:00 p.m.



FUMC Fall Fest & Food Truck Event – September 27, 2026

Join us for good food, fun and fellowship following service!

Invite family, friends and neighbors!



Calling All Church Members! We would like to update our dishes in the kitchen to ones that are more attractive, but more importantly, to ones that are more lightweight. We are asking for any help you might provide in the way of funds to pay for the 90 place settings we would like to purchase. Each case contains 6 – three-piece settings for \$80. Cash or checks for any amount can be put in a Pew Envelope marked "Dishes." Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Our team of Youth Sunday School teachers would be glad to have a few more teachers on the team. This class meets each Sunday from 8:45 to 9:30, with intermediate and high school level students. Each Sunday's class is led by one teacher and one assistant teacher.

We currently have 3 teachers active in the rotation. If you might be interested in joining the teaching team please contact Glenn Meredith (glenn.meredith@gmail.com or 732-614-6804). Thanks.



Choir Note: The FUMC Choir will stay for a brief rehearsal following today's service.

September Birthdays

(02) Diana L. Dreyer
(02) Cara Hennessey
(03) Rachel Englert
(04) Charlie Mongano

(06) Dora Moore
(10) Susan Mulholland
(18) Bob Sterling
(20) Sammy Jeon
(30) Katelyn Cronin

This Week at a Glance (September 21 – September 27)

Monday:	***	(No events scheduled)
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. -	Oasis Bible Study Group (Coffee Room)
	7:00 p.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Classroom)
Thursday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
	6:00 p.m. -	Soul Supper (Wesley Hall)
Friday:	6:00 p.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Coffee Room)
Saturday:	9:30 a.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)
	9:00 a.m. -	Elizabeth Circle "Day Apart" Women's Retreat (Home of Melanie Bowen)
Sunday:	8:30 a.m. -	Seekers Class (Seeker's Classroom)
	8:45 a.m. -	Children's Sunday School (Classrooms)
	9:00 a.m. -	Joyful Noise Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m. -	Choir Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m. -	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m. -	Fall Fest & Food Truck Event (Wesley Hall & Church Parking Lot)
	5:00 p.m. -	iZion Christian Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)

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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Ways to Give to the Church:

- 1) **Sign-up for Subsplash!**
- 2) Download the FUMC church app! Go to the app store on your smartphone or tablet and search "First UMC Freehold".
Look for a blue icon with the Methodist cross and flame.
- 3) Go to our website: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give
- 4) Text-to-give by texting "freeholdumc" to
1-888-364-GIVE (4483)
- 5) Mail a check to 91 West Main St. Freehold, NJ 07728
- 6) **VENMO**@FumcFreehold.
- 7) Scan the **QR code** on the card located in the pew card holders.



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