

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, August 9, 2026
11th Sunday after Pentecost / Family Worship**

Announcements: Linda Gatti

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Look around. Listen carefully. The trees... The birds... The flowers... the rivers...
Every part of creation tells God's story.

People: Wow, God!

Leader: God made this amazing world.

People: Wow, God!

Leader: Come, let us worship our Creator!

People: With joyful hearts, we worship our Creator. Wow, God!

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

Creator God, Thank you for this beautiful world and for bringing us together as one family today. Open our eyes to see your wonder, open our hearts to worship you with joy, and help us discover more of your love through all you have made. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "For the Beauty of the Earth" (v. 1 -4) UMH #92

***Praise Song with Motion:** "This Little Light of Mine" (Video)

***Praise Song with Motion:** "No Turning Back" (Video)

Wow! 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: "Jesus Loves Me" UMH #191

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:24-31 Rev. Yoseb Jeon

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:

"God Is Our Creator"

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Response to the Word (Craft)

Offering Time: The Special Offering for August will benefit our collection of **Backpacks and School Supplies for The Freehold Learning Center**. Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

"Air on the G String"
Performed by Chloe Jeon - Violin

J.S. Bach

*Doxology:

"Thank You, God"

Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God of life! Every good gift comes from you. With thankful hearts, we offer these gifts and our lives back to you. Use them to care for your world, serve our neighbors, and share your love with all who need hope. May everything we do bring glory to you, the Creator of all things. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Song with Motion:

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

(Video)

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:24-31

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans^[a] in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth^[b] and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So God created humans^[c] in his image,
in the image of God he created them;^[d]
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn:
"For the Beauty of the Earth"
UMH #92

(Verse 1)
For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

(Verse 2)
For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

(Verse 3)
For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

(Verse 4)
For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

Prayer Song:
"Jesus Loves Me"
UMH #191

(Verse 1)
Jesus loves me!
This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

(Verse 2)
Jesus loves me!
This I know, as he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee,
Saying, "Let them come to me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

(Verse 3)
Jesus loves me still today,
Walking me on my way
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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!

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 Charlie and Nancy Mongano, "In Memory of our son, Anthony".

Help pack **lunches for E.H.A.P.** following today's service. This will only take a few minutes of your time, and any help you can give is appreciated. The goal is to pack 100 lunch bags.

FUMC School Supply Mission: Throughout August, we are collecting backpacks and supplies for kids at **Freehold Learning Center**. Below is a list of needed supplies. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

❖ **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)

Take Me Out to the Ballgame! We are trying to get a group to attend **Faith and Family Night** at the Lakewood BlueClaws on August 27th. Tickets are \$19 and include a hot dog, soda, and ice cream sandwiches, as well as a boardwalk game ticket! There will be music on the stage and the first 1000 people to enter will receive a commemorative bucket. See Gayle Trulli to reserve your tickets.

Save the Date! Come One Come All to our **ICE CREAM SOCIAL!** August 30th (following service). Enjoy a refreshing bowl of ice cream (or two), and good fellowship as we celebrate summer together.

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 10 – August 16)

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
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: 7:00 p.m. - "Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon!" (Wesley Hall)
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)
7:00 p.m. - "Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon!" (Wesley Hall)
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Joyful Noise Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. - Choir Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. - "Family Worship" (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. - Fellowship Time and Refreshments (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 p.m. - "Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon!" (Wesley 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		

Community:



**UNITED THEATRE PRESENTS:
BROTHERS GRIMM SPECTACULATHON**
August 14 & 15 at 7:00 p.m. and August 16 at 1:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall

Two narrators and a handful of actors attempt the impossible: mashing all 209 Brothers Grimm fairy tales into one massive, madcap comedy adventure. From *Cinderella* to goofy fables, The *Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon* turns your favorite bedtime stories completely upside down with non-stop laughs, magical twists, and hilarious audience interaction. **Fun for all ages!**

Tickets: \$20 - Adult, \$15 – Students, \$10 – Children under 12

Tickets can be purchased at the door, or through our website: www.unitedtheatreinc.org