

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, August 2, 2026
10th Sunday after Pentecost**

We will be celebrating communion this morning.

For those of you joining us from home, please have bread and juice/wine available to participate.

Announcements: Linda Gatti

Prelude

Welcome: Linda Gatti

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: God calls us by name and never gives up on us.

People: We come to worship the One who makes all things new.

Leader: In our weakness, God's strength is revealed.

People: We trust the God who transforms our lives.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord with humble and expectant hearts.

People: We offer ourselves to God with joy and thanksgiving.

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

Merciful God, you know us completely and love us faithfully. Meet us in our struggles, strengthen us in our weakness, and renew us by your grace. As we worship today, shape us into the people you have created and called us to be. May we leave this place with deeper faith, renewed hope, and the courage to follow wherever you lead. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Coming in These Doors" Mitch Samu

***Praise Song:** "Guide My Feet" TFWS #2208

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: "Kum Ba Yah" UMH #494

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Scripture Reading: Genesis 32:22-31 Jane Healton

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: Jacob: A Journey of Grace
Week 3: "Peniel: Wrestling with God" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

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: "Behold the Lamb of God" Keith Getty
FUMC Choir

*Doxology: "Thank You God" Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Holy Lord, with grateful hearts, we present these gifts and our lives before you. Bless these offerings and use them to bring healing, hope, and new life through the ministry of your church. Continue to shape us into faithful disciples whose words and actions reflect your love in the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Celebration of Communion: UMH 12-14
*Sung Responses: "Communion Settings" TFWS #2257 (b, c, d)

Communion Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together" UMH #618

Prayer: (In Unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Song: "Walking in the Light of God" Arr. Dean McIntyre

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Reading: Liturgist: Jane Heulton

Genesis 32:22-31

Jacob Wrestles at Peniel

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man^[a] said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel,^[b] for you have striven with God and with humans^[c] and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel,^[d] saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn:
"Coming in These Doors"
Mitch Samu

(Verse 1)

Coming In These Doors
I will leave my stress outside.
Coming In These Doors
I will find some peace and calm.
I will greet my brother. I will greet my sister.
I will greet the stranger too,
Coming In These Doors.

(Verse 2)

Coming In These Doors
I will seek for ways to serve.
Coming In These Doors
I will hear the word of God.
My heart will be open, I will lift my cares in prayer.
I will look to share my love
Coming In These Doors.

(Verse 3)

Coming In These Doors
I will be the face of Christ.
Coming In These Doors
I will be His hands and heart.
I will ask myself, "What would Jesus do today?
He would greet and bless this day
Coming In These Doors.

(Verse 4)

Coming In These Doors
I become refreshed, renewed.
Coming In These Doors
I will feel the heart of God.
Let me give my Love. Let me live my faith today.
Let me show the Face of God
Coming In These Doors.

Praise Song:
"Guide My Feet"
TFWS #2208

(Verse 1)

Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

(Verse 2)

Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

(Verse 3)

Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

(Verse 4)

I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

(Verse 5)

Search my heart while I run this race.
Search my heart while I run this race.
Search my heart while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

(Verse 6)

Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Prayer Song:
"Kum Ba Yah"
UMH #494

Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah.
Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah.
Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah.
O, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah.
Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah.
Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah.
O, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah.
Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah.
Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah.
O, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone needs You, Lord, Kum ba yah.
Someone needs You, Lord, Kum ba yah.
Someone needs You, Lord, Kum ba yah.
O, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah.
Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah.
Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah.
O, Lord, kum ba yah!

Let us praise the Lord, Kum ba yah.
Let us praise the Lord, Kum ba yah.
Let us praise the Lord, Kum ba yah.
O, Lord, kum ba yah!

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!

"Communion Settings"
TFWS #2257
(b, c, d)

Holy, holy, holy Lord;
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the one who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Communion Hymn:
"Let Us Break Bread Together"
UMH #618

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.

(Repeat Chorus)

Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees.

(Repeat Chorus)

Closing Song:
“Walking in the Light of God”
Traditional Zulu
Arr. Dean McIntyre

Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walking in the light of God.
(2X)

Walk, walk, walk, walk,
Walking in the light of God.
Walk, walk, walk, walk,
Walking in the light of God.
(2X)

Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walking in the light of God.
(2X)

Walk, walk, walk, walk,
Walking in the light of God.
Walk, walk, walk, walk,
Walking in the light of God.
(2X)

‘Ham-ba, ‘ham-ba, ‘ham-ba, ‘ham-ba,
Walking in the light of God.
‘Ham-ba, ‘ham-ba, ‘ham-ba, ‘ham-ba,
Walking in the light of God.

Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walking in the light of God.
(2X)

‘Ham-ba koo kah nigh nee,
‘Ham-ba koo kah nigh nee,
‘Ham-ba koo kah nigh nee,
Walking in the light of God.

Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walking in the light of God.
(2X)

Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walking in the light of God.
(2X)

Welcome to worship at the First United Methodist Church of Freehold. Whether you join us in person, virtually, or by ZOOM call, we are happy you are with us.

You're invited to two special Family Worship Sundays as we celebrate **Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God!** These services are designed for all ages, with children, youth, and adults worshipping together through music, Scripture, interactive moments, and meaningful activities.

To help create a fun and unified atmosphere, **everyone is encouraged to wear a plain white T-shirt and dress casually.**

Bring your family, invite a friend, and join us as we discover **God Is Our Creator** on August 9 and **God Is Love** on August 16. **Everyone belongs. Everyone is welcome. We can't wait to worship with you!**

Next Lunch Packing Event for E.H.A.P. – Sunday August 9th following service. Please bring in lunch bag items by August 9th. Our target is to pack **100** lunch bags. **Most Needed Donations:** PROTEIN and Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers.

PROTEIN: Small pop-top cans of Vienna Sausages, Tuna, or Chicken (in a pop-top can or pouch).

FRUIT CUP: Single serving of mixed fruit, peaches, pineapple, apple sauce, etc.

PEANUT BUTTER or CHEESE CRACKERS: 6 crackers/ packet

CHEWY GRANOLA BAR: Any flavor

WATER or SUGAR-FREE DRINK

TREAT: Small cookies packet

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

❖ **Chlidrens' Backpacks**

❖ **Writing Tools:**

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

❖ **Orgnization 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 (August 3 – August 9)

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)
	7:30 p.m. -	Board of Trustees Meeting (ZOOM)
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 (Sanctuary)
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. -	Musician Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m. -	Worship “ Casual Family Service ” (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		

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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