

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold  
Bulletin**

**Sunday, October 12, 2025  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Time of Silence *[Please take this time to prepare your heart and mind for worship]*

Announcements: Sharon Shutzer

Prelude

Welcome: Sharon Shutzer

**\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come, all who seek the healing of God.

**People: We come, knowing that our strength cannot save us.**

Leader: Come, all who feel far away, uncertain, or unworthy.

**People: We come, trusting that God's grace crosses every boundary.**

Leader: Come and meet the God who welcomes strangers and restores the broken.

**People: We come to worship the One whose mercy makes all things new.**

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

**God of mercy and power, you are greater than the walls we build and the fears we carry. You meet us not in our pride or our strength but in our need. As Naaman was washed clean in the waters of the Jordan, wash us in your grace this morning. Cleanse us of our pride, our assumptions, and our boundaries. Teach us to see your image in those we call outsiders, and help us to bear witness to your unbounded love. In the name of Jesus Christ, the healer and redeemer of all, we pray. Amen.**

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

**\*Praise Song:** "Even You Are Welcome" Mitch Samu

Children's Moment: Pastor Doby Amos

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: "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Paul Baloche

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15 Lyn Johnson

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: "The River That Heals Us All" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

**Reception into the United Methodist Church**  
Gloria Suzini

*See Liturgy Included*

Offering Time: The October Special Offering will benefit **CWS/CROP Hunger Walk.**

Giving page: [www.freeholdmethodist.org/give](http://www.freeholdmethodist.org/give)

Offertory: "How Can I Keep from Singing" Chris Tomlin  
FUMC Choir

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

\*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

**God of all nations and peoples, you pour out your gifts without limit or condition. We bring our offerings today not to earn your favor but to say thank you for the grace already given. Use what we give, our resources, our time, and our hearts, to bring healing where there is hurt, hope where there is despair, and good news to those who have not yet heard. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Closing Song: "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" Newton, Tomlin, Giglio

\*Benediction: Pastor Doby Amos

\*Postlude "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" Newton, Tomlin, Giglio  
(Reprise)

### **Scripture Passage: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)**

#### **The Healing of Naaman**

5 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. <sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana<sup>[a]</sup> and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

As a member of Christ's universal Church,  
will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church,  
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

**I will.**

## **RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION**

As a member of this congregation,  
will you faithfully participate in its ministries  
by your prayers, your presence,  
your gifts, your service  
and your witness?

**I will.**

## **COMMENDATION AND WELCOME**

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

Pastor: Members of the household of God,  
I commend **Gloria Suzini**,  
to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase her  
faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

*The congregation responds:*

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you  
in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation  
of First United Methodist Church,**

**we renew our covenant  
faithfully to participate  
in the ministries of the Church  
by our prayers, our presence,  
our gifts, our service, and our witness,  
that in everything God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ.**

*The pastor addresses those baptized, confirmed, or received, using an appropriate gesture of blessing:*

The God of all grace,  
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,  
establish you and strengthen you  
that you may live in grace and peace.

**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:**  
**"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.

**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.

**Prayer Song:**  
**"Open the Eyes of My Heart"**  
**Paul Baloche**

**(Chorus 2X)**  
**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,**  
**Open the eyes of my heart;**  
**I want to see You,**  
**I want to see You.**

**(Verse)**  
To see You high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

**(Chorus 2X)**  
**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,**  
**Open the eyes of my heart;**  
**I want to see You,**  
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To see You high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love  
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Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy,  
I want to see You.

**(3X)**

**Closing Song:**  
**Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**  
**Newton, Tomlin, Giglio**

**Verse 1**  
Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind but now I see.

**Verse 2**  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear.  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

**Chorus**  
My chains are gone I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy rains.  
Unending love amazing grace.

**Verse 3**  
The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

**Chorus**  
**(2x)**  
My chains are gone I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy rains.  
Unending love amazing grace.

**Verse 4**  
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow;  
The sun forbear to shine.  
But God, who called me here below  
Will be forever mine.  
Will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.

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.

Altar Flowers are donated by Sharon Shutzer, "In Memory of my husband, Richard".

October is Pastor Appreciation month. Please join us as we honor Pastor Yoseb and Pastor Doby. Write your message in a card to share your thoughts and feelings about their ministry here at FUMC. Please bring your card to our worship service on Sunday, October 19th as we celebrate our pastors!

Thank you for your continued support!  
Melanie

Join us on Thursday, **October 30<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall for our **Soul Supper**. We're going to enjoy a Baked Potato Bar with lots of toppings (Chili, Broccoli, Ham, Cheese, Sour Cream, Salsa, etc.) Bread and Chocolate Cake round out the meal. Please sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall by October 26<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend. If you would like to help with food prep, we will be meeting in the kitchen on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

**Seekers:** Our adult Sunday school group meets on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. The next Seekers' study is **Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go** by Adam Hamilton. It is available through Amazon, Cokesbury, and other booksellers. This study will begin October 12th and continue for 4 weeks.

#### 2025 Church Conference Information:

**Date:** Saturday, October 25, 2025

**Location:** St Johns UMC (2000 Florence Ave, Hazlet, NJ 07730)

**Time:** Worship at 10:00 a.m. Church Conference at 11:00 a.m.

**All members of the church are encouraged to attend.**

#### October Birthdays

(01) Allein Sampieri (Daughter)	(14) Allein Sampieri	(28) Leah Zuckerman
(05) Grace Mulholland	(25) John Martz	(31) George Sologuren
(13) Peyton Avallone	(25) Lindsay Davala	

#### This Week at a Glance (October 12 – October 19)

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: 10:00 a.m. – Bible Study (Coffee Room)  
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)  
Friday: \*\*\*  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall till 4:00 p.m.)  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Seekers Study (Seekers Classroom)  
8:45 a.m. - Sunday School (Classrooms)  
9:00 a.m. - Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
9:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
10:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)  
**11:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)**

(Nursery care for our youngest members is available during worship service.)

\*\*\* No Events Scheduled