

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, August 3, 2025
8th Sunday after Pentecost**

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

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude: “The Old Rugged Cross” George Bennard
Chloe Jeon - Violin

Welcome: Verl McKinney

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come, you who hope for redemption and new life.

People: We come to the God who restores what was lost.

Leader: When all seems finished or forgotten,

People: God is still weaving a story of grace.

Leader: In love that redeems and mercy that surprises,

People: We see the heart of a faithful God.

Leader: Let us worship the One who makes all things new.

People: With joy and gratitude, we lift our voices in praise.

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

Redeeming God, your grace restores what we thought was beyond repair. You take ordinary lives and shape them into something holy. As Ruth’s story became part of your larger story of salvation, help us see our place in your unfolding work. Let this time of worship awaken hope, deepen trust, and renew our joy in your redeeming love. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** “All Creatures of Our God and King” UMH #62
(v. 1, 2, 3)

***Praise Song:** “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” Myrin & Redman

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: “Lord I Need You” Nockels, Carson, Reeves, Stanfill, Maher

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Scripture Reading: Ruth 4:1-16 Dan Tagatac

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: "Ruth Sermon Series: Small Story, Big Grace Pastor Lan Wilson
Week 4: Restoration the Right Way"

Offering Time: Today's Special Offering will benefit The Freehold Area OPEN DOOR.

Giving page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "Is There Anyone?" Mitch Samu
Kathy Mulholland - Soloist

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

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God of new beginnings, you take what we bring – our gifts, our stories, our lives – and redeem them for your purposes. As we offer these gifts, we trust that you will use them to restore hope and build your kingdom. May they bless those in need and proclaim your goodness. Amen.

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

Communion Hymn: "Table of Plenty" Dan Schutte

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: "Your Grace Is Enough" Matt Maher

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude: "Your Grace Is Enough" Matt Maher
(Reprise)

Scripture Passage:

Ruth 4: 1-16 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

The Marriage of Boaz and Ruth

4 No sooner had Boaz gone up to the gate and sat down there than the next-of-kin of whom Boaz had spoken came passing by. So Boaz said, "Come over; sit down here." And he went over and sat down. ² Then Boaz took ten men of the elders of the town and said, "Sit down here," so they sat down. ³ He then said to the next-of-kin, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our kinsman Elimelech. ⁴ So I thought I would tell you of it and say: Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not, tell me, so that I may know; for there is no one prior to you to redeem it, and I come after you." So he said, "I will redeem it." ⁵ Then Boaz said, "The day you acquire the field from the hand of Naomi, you are also acquiring Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead man, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance." ⁶ At this, the next-of-kin said, "I cannot redeem it for myself without damaging my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

⁷ Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging to confirm a transaction: the one took off a sandal and gave it to the other; this was the manner of attesting in Israel. ⁸ So when the next-of-kin said to Boaz, "Acquire it for yourself," he took off his sandal. ⁹ Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses today that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. ¹⁰ I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses." ¹¹ Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; ¹² and, through the children that the Lord will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."

The Genealogy of David

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴ Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin, and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵ He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him."

¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse.

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION LITURGY:

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Leader to people:

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Leader and people:

Glory to God. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join
their unending hymn:

♫ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest (3X)
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest (3X)

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

♪ **Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest (3X)**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest (3X)**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn:
All Creatures of Our God and King" (v. 1, 2, 3)
UMH #62

(Verse 1)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Thou brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Verse 2)

O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain,
By which all creatures ye sustain,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Verse 3)

O sister water, flowing clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother fire who lights the night,
Providing warmth, enhancing sight,
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Song:
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
Myrin & Redman

(Chorus)

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.**

(Verse 1)

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 2)

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 3)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Forevermore!

(Repeat Chorus 2x)

(Ending)

Worship Your holy name.
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

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:
"Lord, I Need You"
Nockels, Carson, Reeves, Stanfill, Maher

Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowling here I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You,
Every hour I need You;
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found, is where You are.
And where You are Lord, I am free;
Holiness, is Christ in me.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You,
Every hour I need You;
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

So, teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You,
Every hour I need You;
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

(End)

My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

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

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:
"Table of Plenty"
Dan Schutte

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need
Here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table
Where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and the lonely
To share the cup of my love.

(Repeat Chorus)

O come and eat without money;
Come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
With faith and fullness of life.

(Repeat Chorus)

My bread will ever sustain you
Through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
To flood the depths of your soul.

(Repeat Chorus)

Your fields will flower in fullness;
Your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
Will send my rain on the soil.

(Repeat Chorus)

Closing Song:
"Your Grace Is Enough"
M. Maher

(Verse 1)

Great is Your faithfulness, O God.
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy.
And nothing can keep us apart.

(Pre-Chorus)

(So) remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.

(Chorus 1)

Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

(Verse 2)

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob.
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,
And all Your people sing along.

(Pre-Chorus)

(So) remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.

(Chorus 1)

Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Yeah, your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

(Pre-Chorus)

Remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.

(Chorus 2)

Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

Yeah, Your grace is enough.
Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I sing, Your grace is enough.
I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me,
For me.

(End)

It's enough for me.

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 Nancy & Charlie Mongano, "In memory our son, Anthony DeCarlo".

The **Lakewood BlueClaws "Faith and Family Night"** is **August 7th**. Tickets are \$18 and includes a hot dog, soda, ice cream and a "Boardwalk" game ticket. Game starts at 7:05 p.m. Please bring your ticket money to the church office prior to August 6th, or contact Gayle Trulli to reserve your ticket.

August 17 - Ice Cream Social and Piano Concert - After worship, FUMC will host an ice cream social in Fellowship Hall, followed by a mini piano concert by Mitch Samu.

August Birthdays

(01) Nathaniel Lawrence Tolas	(18) Gayle Trulli	(25) Lindsey Hennessey
(03) Corbett Corey	(19) Ken Budka	(26) Anita Ritchie
(04) Carolyn Brach	(21) Sandra Hernandez	(27) Ernest Peart
(05) Cassie Sterling	(21) Verl McKinney (90 th)	(30) Shawn Darby
(17) Jessica Cronin	(23) Garrett Ian Englert	(31) Emily Ward

This Week at a Glance (August 4 – August 10)

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 (In Person)
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) 7:00 p.m. - Lakewood BlueClaws Game (BlueClaws Stadium, Lakewood, NJ)
Friday:	7:00 p.m. - "The Wizard of Oz" (Wesley Hall)
Saturday:	9:00 a.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall till 4:00 p.m.) 7:00 p.m. - "The Wizard of Oz" (Wesley Hall)
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. - Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 9:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion (Sanctuary) 2:00 p.m. - "The Wizard of Oz" (Wesley Hall)

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

*** No Events Scheduled

Community Events:



United Theatre Presents "The Wizard of Oz" a Pantomime by James Barry based on the book *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum.

A tornado sends the farmhouse occupied by Dorothy Gale on an impromptu flight to the land of Oz, where she encounters Munchkins, witches, a scarecrow, a tin man, and a lion in her quest to find the Wizard of Oz and return to her home in Kansas.

Performances: August 8 & 9 at 7:00 p.m. and August 10 at 2:00 p.m. on the Wesley Hall Stage.

Show information and tickets sales are posted on our website: www.unitedtheatreinc.org