

**4First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, August 24, 2025
11th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude: *Chloe's Memories and Melodies*
"I Believe In You and Me" Arr. Robert Schultz

Welcome: Verl McKinney

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Christ calls us to follow.

People: We come ready to listen and learn.

Leader: Christ invites us to join the work of the Kingdom.

People: We come ready to serve and share.

Leader: Let us lift our voices in praise.

People: We engage our hearts, minds, and hands in worship of God.

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

God of all callings, You invite us into a life of purpose and service. As we gather in Your presence, awaken our hearts to hear Your voice. Strengthen us to respond with courage and love, so that our worship today becomes action in the world tomorrow. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "In Christ There Is No East or West" UMH #548

*Praise Song: "Two Fishermen" TFWS #2101

Children's Moment: Pastor Doby Amos

Introduction to Prayer

[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, Listen to Your Children Praying" TFWS #2193

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Baptism of Stella Willow Luterek
(See Baptism Liturgy Insert)

Scripture Reading: Luke 5: 1-11 Rev. Christina Zito

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:

Sermon Series: "Encounter, Engage, Empower"
Week 2 - Engage: "Drawing Closer to the Heart of Jesus"

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for the month of August will benefit The Freehold Area OPEN DOOR.

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

"Come Home"
FUMC Choir

Page & Shafferman

*Doxology:

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer – UMC Discipleship (In Unison):

Lord of the harvest, we bring these gifts as signs of our commitment to Your mission. May they be seeds of hope planted in the lives of others. As we engage in Your work, multiply our offerings so that Your Kingdom may flourish. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Closing Song:

"Christ Has Broken Down the Wall"

Mark A. Miller

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude:

"Christ Has Broken Down the Wall"
(Reprise)

Mark A. Miller

Scripture Passage for Sunday, August 24, 2025

Liturgist: Rev Christina Zito

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

5 Once while Jesus^[a] was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
"In Christ There Is No East or West"
UMH #548

In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding humankind.

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
And neither slave nor free;
Both male and female heirs are made,
And all are kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,
In Him meet South and North;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Praise Hymn:
"Two Fishermen"
TFWS #2101

Two fishermen, who lived along
The Sea of Galilee,
Stood by the shore to cast their nets
Into an ageless sea.

Now Jesus watched them from afar,
Then called them each by name.
It changed their lives, these simple men;
They'd never be the same.

**"Leave all things you have
And come and follow me,
And come and follow me."**

(Continued...)

And as he walked along the shore
'twas James and John he'd find,
And these two sons of Zebedee
Would leave their boats behind.
Their work and all they held so dear
They left beside their nets.
Their names they'd heard as Jesus called;
They came without regret.
**"Leave all things you have
And come and follow me,
And come and follow me."**

O Simon Peter, Andrew, James,
And John beloved one,
You heard Christ's call to speak good news
Revealed to God's own Son.
Susanna, Mary, Magdalene
Who traveled with your Lord,
You ministered to him with joy
For he is God adored.
**"Leave all things you have
And come and follow me,
And come and follow me."**

And you, good Christians, one and all
Who'd follow Jesus' way,
Come leave behind what keeps you bound
To trappings of our day.
And listen as he calls your name
To come and follow near;
For still he speaks in varied ways
To those his call will hear.

(2X)
**"Leave all things you have
And come and follow me,
And come and follow me."**

Prayer Song:
“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”
TFWS #2193

(Chorus)
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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:
“Christ Has Broken Down the Wall”
Mark A. Miller

Christ has broken down the wall,
Christ has broken down the wall.
Let us join our hearts as one,
Christ has broken down the wall.

We're accepted as we are,
We're accepted as we are.
Through God's love all is reconciled,
We're accepted as we are.

Cast aside your doubts and fears,
Cast aside your doubts and fears.
Peace and love, freely offered here;
Cast aside your doubts and fears.

We will tear down the walls!
We will tear down every wall!
God has called us, one and all;
Christ has broken down the wall!

Christ has broken down the wall!

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 donated by Nancy & Charlie Mongano, "In memory of our granddaughter, Angela".

September 7th is Rally Sunday. This special service will include a variety of members participating through music, poetry, kids dancing, and crafts. We'll celebrate the new program year with Frankie Fed's Food Truck after worship and host a ministry fair to introduce our committees, mission groups and small groups.

We will be having a special time during worship to bless our children as they return to school, so please bring in your children's backpacks for the blessing. Invite your family and friends to this very special Sunday!

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 25 – August 31)

Monday:	7:00 p.m. - Missions Committee Meeting (ZOOM)
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
Wednesday:	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:	9:00 a.m. - Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)

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

*** No Events Scheduled

The church office will be closed September 1st (Labor Day) - September 5th
Regular office hours will resume Monday, September 8th.

HOLY BAPTISM

BAPTISM CANDIDATE: STELLA WILLOW LUTEREK

PARENTS: COLE LUTEREK & LUANA LUTEREK

GODPARENTS: CHRIS LAMALFA & CALI LUTEREK

AUGUST 24, 2024

REV. YOSEB JEON

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM



INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Brothers and sisters in Christ:
Through the Sacrament of Baptism
 we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.
We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
 and given new birth through water and the Spirit.
All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE:

Verl McKinney, Lay Leader

I present **STELLA WILLOW LUTEREK** for baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Parents and other sponsors respond:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
 reject the evil powers of this world,
 and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
 to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
 in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
 to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture this child, **STELLA WILLOW LUTEREK**,
 in Christ's holy Church,
that by your teaching and example she may be guided
 to accept God's grace for herself,
 to profess her faith openly,
 and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

The congregation responds:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
 and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include this child now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround her
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that she may grow in her service to others.**

**We will pray for her,
that she may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

The congregation, the parents and sponsors respond together:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy *catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray.

*Almighty God, the life you birthed in us
by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die.
Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.*

***Your healing river flows.
Your Spirit blows where you will.
We cannot stop you, God!***

*But sometimes we try.
We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit,
or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream
that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power.
We parch ourselves.
We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!*

*Come upon us, Holy Spirit!
Come upon us, Holy Spirit!*

*Come upon these waters.
Come upon these waters.*

*Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.
Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.*

*Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.
Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.*

*Most Holy God, Abba, Father!
Glory to you!*

*Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!
Glory to you!*

*Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!
Glory to you!*

*Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!
All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!*

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

*Christian, **STELLA WILLOW**, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*The Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.***

*Now it is our joy to welcome
our new child in Christ.*

Through baptism
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you
as a member of the family of Christ.

PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God,
I commend this child 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 the First United Methodist Church of Freehold,
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.

BLESSING

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