

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, September 27, 2026
18th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Dan Tagatac

Prelude

Welcome: Dan Tagatac

*Call to Worship:

Leader: We have been welcomed by grace and held by love.

People: Now, God calls us to share that grace with one another.

Leader: When troubled waters stand between our neighbors and hope,

People: God calls us to become bridges of compassion, courage, and love.

Leader: As we begin a new season of ministry, let us offer ourselves again to God's work.

People: Here we are, God. Send us to love and serve. Let us worship God together!

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

God of compassion, you have never called us to faith for ourselves alone. You gather us into community and send us to love our neighbors, carry one another's burdens, and stand beside those who struggle. As we begin this new season of ministry, awaken us from comfort and complacency. Show us where people are hurting, where barriers need to be crossed, and where bridges need to be built. Give us courage to offer our time, our gifts, and ourselves in faithful service. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Fairest Lord Jesus" UMH #189

*Praise Song: "Draw the Circle Wide" Light & Miller

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: "Down to the River to Pray" USA Folk Song

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:2 Susan Zuckerman

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 Soundtrack of Faith – Week 3:
"Be the Bridge" (Bridge Over Troubled Water by Simon & Garfunkel)
Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for September will benefit Native American Ministries. Your gift funds urban ministries with Native Americans, scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist seminaries, and annual conference Native American ministries. **Giving Page:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "No Mountain High Enough" Charles Kirby
FUMC Choir

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

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God of mercy and grace, you have given us more than resources to keep for ourselves. You have given us gifts to share, hands to serve, voices to encourage, and lives through which your love can move. Receive these offerings and receive us as well. As a new season of ministry begins, make us faithful in serving wherever you call. Amen.

*Closing Song: "There's No One in This World Like Jesus" Trad. Shona, Zimbabwe

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Reading: **Liturgist: Susan Zuckerman**

Galatians 6:2

² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill^[a] the law of Christ.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn:
"Fairest Lord Jesus"
UMH #189

(Verse 1)

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

(Verse 2)

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

(Verse 3)

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

(Verse 4)

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine.

Praise Song:
"Draw the Circle Wide"
Light and Miller

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
(2X)

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song:
No one stands alone.
Standing side by side,
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
(2X)

(Continued...)

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song:
No one stands alone.
Standing side by side,
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
(4X)

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Prayer Song:
"Down to the River to Pray"
USA Folk Song

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good ole way
And who shall wear the starry crown,
Good Lord, show me the way.
O *sisters, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down.
Come on, *sisters, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.

***(2) brothers**
***(3) fathers**
***(4) mothers**
***(5) sinners**

**Sermon Series Song – Week 3:
“Bridge Over Troubled Water”
Song by Simon & Garfunkel**

When you're weary, feeling small,
When tears are in your eyes
I will dry them all;
I'm on your side,
Oh, when times get rough,
And friends just can't be found.

Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down,
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down.

When you're down and out,
When you're on the street,
When evening falls so hard
I will comfort you;
I'll take your part,
Oh, when darkness comes
And pain is all around.

Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down,
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down.

(Instrumental Break)

Sail on, silver girl,
Sail on by.
Your time has come to shine;
All your dreams are on their way.
See how they shine,
Oh, if you need a friend,
I'm sailing right behind.

Like a bridge over troubled water,
I will ease your mind,
Like a bridge over troubled water,
I will ease your mind.

**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:
“There’s No One in This World Like Jesus”
Trad. Shona, Zimbabwe**

(2X)

There’s no one in this world like Jesus,
There’s no one in this world like him;
There’s no one in this world like Jesus,
There’s no one, there’s no one like him.

(2X)

I’m running, running, searching, searching,
I’m turning, turning, searching, searching.
I’m searching, searching everywhere.
There’s no one, there’s no one like him.

(2X)

Hakuna wakaita sa Jesu
Hakuna wakaita sa ye;
Hakuna wakaita sa Jesu,
Haku, haku chi na.

Nda-mha-nya, mha-nya, Kwe-se, kwe-se.
Nda-te-nde re-ra, kwe-se, kwe-se.
Nda-tsva-ka, tsva-ka, kwe-se, kwe-se,
Haku, haku, chi-na

(2X)

There’s no one in this world like Jesus,
There’s no one in this world like him;
There’s no one in this world like Jesus,
There’s no one, there’s no one like him.

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 Ken & Cindy Budka, in celebration of Helen Curtis' 90th birthday, And by Diana Dreyer, in memory of Dawn Tephford's birthday.

Pastor Appreciation Day – Sunday, October 11th: We will be celebrating Pastor Appreciation Day on Sunday, October 11th. The congregation is encouraged to write a special message or give a gift card to Pastor Yoseb as a way of showing our gratitude and appreciation for him and the blessing he is in our lives. A bag for cards and messages will be available on the back table of the sanctuary on Sunday, October 11th. Thank you so much for your time and support!
~ Staff Parish Relations Committee

FUMC Fall Fest & Food Truck Event – September 27, 2026: Join us for good food, fun and fellowship following service! Invite family, friends and neighbors!

Calling All Church Members! We are asking for any help you might provide in the way of funds to pay for the 90 new, lightweight place settings purchased for the kitchen. Cash or checks for any amount can be put in a Pew Envelope marked "Dishes." Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday School Teachers Needed: Our team of Youth Sunday School teachers would be glad to have a few more teachers on the team. This class meets each Sunday from 8:45 to 9:30, with intermediate and high school level students. Each Sunday's class is led by one teacher and one assistant teacher. We currently have 3 teachers active in the rotation. If you might be interested in joining the teaching team please contact Glenn Meredith (glenn.meredith@gmail.com or 732-614-6804). Thanks.

Refreshments for Fellowship Time: There are lots of open dates for folks to sign up to provide refreshments for Fellowship Time. Refreshments can be store-bought; they do not have to be homemade. Any date you can sign up for is appreciated. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in Fellowship Hall.



Save the Date! The Annual Freehold Area **CROP Hunger Walk**, sponsored by The Greater Freehold Clergy Association will be held on **Sunday, October 18th**, with registration and prizes being awarded at 1:30 PM and the walk stepping off at 2 PM from the **Reformed Church of Freehold** (67 West main Street).

The route is 2.6 miles long in historic Freehold and there is also a mini-route. Register on the [website https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/freeholdnj](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/freeholdnj) and raise funds online. For more information about details and additional prizes, please check out the website, or contact Pastor Pat Medley, Walk Coordinator at 732-822-0711. In the event of inclement weather, just show up at the church, turn in your donations and collect your t-shirt. 25% of the funds raised will return to support Freehold Area Open Door and the Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program.

September Birthdays

(02) Diana L. Dreyer
(02) Cara Hennessey
(03) Rachel Englert
(04) Charlie Mongano

(06) Dora Moore
(10) Susan Mulholland
(18) Bob Sterling
(20) Sammy Jeon
(30) Katelyn Cronin

This Week at a Glance (September 28 – October 4)

Monday:	7:00 p.m. -	United Theatre Auditions (Wesley Hall)
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
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Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. -	Oasis Bible Study Group (Coffee Room)
	7:00 p.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Classroom)
	7:00 p.m. -	United Theatre Auditions (Wesley Hall)
Thursday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
Friday:	6:00 p.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Coffee Room)
Saturday:	9:30 a.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)
Sunday:	8:30 a.m. -	Seekers Class (Seeker's Classroom)
	8:45 a.m. -	Children's Sunday School (Classrooms)
	9:00 a.m. -	Joyful Noise Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m. -	Choir Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m. -	Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m. -	Refreshments & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 p.m. -	iZion Christian Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)

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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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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