

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, October 19, 2025
19th Sunday after Pentecost / Laity Sunday**

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: We come to worship the God who never gives up on us.

People: We come to give thanks for a love that keeps calling and keeps working.

Leader: Today we celebrate the faith of all God's people who keep serving, praying, and believing through every season.

People: We give thanks for the persistence of God's grace and for the persistence of God's people.

Leader: When our prayers seem unanswered and our strength feels small, God's faithfulness still holds us fast.

People: We will keep showing up, keep loving, and keep trusting in the One who is faithful.

Leader: Come, beloved community, let us worship God together.

People: For the power of persistence is at work in us and through us.

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

Faithful God, we thank you for your people who live out their faith every day in words, service, and steadfast love. You have already shown us your grace through Jesus Christ. Teach us to live with persistence, to love when it is hard, and to trust you when answers seem far away. Bless every lay person in our church who continues to serve with endurance and hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

***Praise Song:** "Your Grace Is Enough" Matt Maher

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, Listen to Your Children Praying" TFWS #2193

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Luke 18:1-8 Anita Ritchie

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: "The Power of Persistence" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

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

Giving page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "Arise" Paul Baloché
FUMC Choir

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

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God of grace, you never stop giving yourself to us. As we offer our gifts, we offer our persistence and faith. Use them to strengthen your church and share your love with the world. May our giving reflect your constant faithfulness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Song: "Stand By Me" Rev. Charles A. Tindley

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude "Stand By Me" Rev. Charles A. Tindley
(Reprise)

Scripture Passage: Luke 18:1-8 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge

18 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' "[b] ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
"Here I Am, Lord"
UMH #593

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

(Chorus)

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

(Repeat Chorus)

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

(Repeat Chorus)

Praise Song:
"Your Grace Is Enough"
Matt 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.

(Continued...)

(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.

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:
"Stand By Me"
Rev. Charles A. Tindley

(Verse 1)
When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.
When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.
When the world is tossing me
Like a ship out on the sea
Thou who rulest the wind and water, stand by me.

(Refrain)
Stand by me every day.
Stand by me as I walk.
When I'm down, pick me up,
Help me to drink from this bitter cup.
Oh Lord, Oh Lord, Oh won't you stand by me.

(Verse 2)
In the midst of tribulation, stand by me.
In the midst of tribulation, stand by me.
When the hosts of hell assail,
And my strength begins to fail,
Thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.

(Refrain)
Stand by me every day.
Stand by me as I walk
When I'm down, pick me up,
Help me to drink from this bitter cup.
Oh Lord, Oh Lord, oh won't you stand by me.
Thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.

(Verse 3)
In the midst of my faults and failures, stand by me.
In the midst of my faults and failures, stand by me.
Well, I'm doing the best I can,
And my friends misunderstand.
Thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.

(Refrain)
Stand by me every day.
Stand by me as I walk
When I'm down, pick me up,
Help me to drink from this bitter cup.
Oh Lord, Oh Lord, oh won't you stand by me.
Thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.
Stand by me.

Altar Flowers are donated by Gene Sampieri, in celebration of Allein's birthday.

Spooktacular Movie Night! Sunday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This year's silent movie thriller will be "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari" enhanced with the music of organist, Brit Montoro. The suggested entrance donation is \$10. Free refreshments will be served.

Join us on Thursday, **October 30th** 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 26th if you plan to attend. If you would like to help with food prep, we will be meeting in the kitchen on October 29th at 1:00 p.m.

All Saints Sunday is November 2nd. To honor the memory of our beloved family and friends who have returned to the Lord since last All Saints Sunday, ***please email photos and names to the church office*** (office@freeholdmethodist.org). We will have a special time during the service to remember and commemorate them. **Please email pictures no later than Thursday, October 23rd**.

Thank you to all who support our **OPEN DOOR COIN COLLECTION**. Our new total for change collected is **\$200!**

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 20 – October 26)

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. - Reading Between the Vines (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: **Final day to email photos for All Saints Sunday (Email pictures to the church office)*
8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
2:00 p.m. - Stitcher's Circle (Coffee Room)

Friday: ***

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall till 4:00 p.m.)

Sunday: ***Stewardship Campaign begins**
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 (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. – "Spooktacular" Movie: *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*

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

*** No Events Scheduled