

First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin

Sunday, February 8, 2026
5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Announcements: Linda Gatti

Prelude

Welcome: Linda Gatti

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Jesus says to us, "You are the light of the world."

People: Not because we are strong, but because God's grace shines through us.

Leader: We come with faith and doubt, with courage and hesitation.

People: Still, Christ calls us to shine.

Leader: Let us worship the One who is our light and who sends us as light into the world.

People: We come to worship. Let our light shine.

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

God of light, we come before you just as we are. Some of us feel steady, others uncertain, yet you call us light in the world. Open our hearts to your word today. Help us trust your calling and believe that even small and fragile light can be used by you. Shape our worship so that our lives may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH #57
(v. 1, 2, 3)

*Praise Song: "This Little Light of Mine" Spiritual

Children's Time: Pastor Dobyo 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 Hymn: "Shine on Us" Smith & Smith
(v. 1)

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13-20 Anne Mayer

Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace

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Message:

"We Are the Lights of the World"

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: **Giving Page:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

"Joy Has Dawned" with "Angels We Have Heard on High"
FUMC Choir

Getty & Townend

*Doxology:

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Faithful God, all that we have comes from you. We bring these gifts not to display our strength, but as acts of trust. Receive what we offer, and use it to bring guidance, healing, and hope where the way feels dark. Take our gifts and our lives, and let them serve your work in the world, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Closing Song:

"Go Light Your World"

C. Rice

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Passage

Matthew 5:13-20

Liturgist: Anne Mayer

Salt and Light

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Law and the Prophets

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, ^[a] not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks ^[b] one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
(v. 1, 2, 3)
UMH #57

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thru all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Prayer Song:
“Shine on Us”
Smith & Smith

(Verse 1)
Lord, let Your light,
Light of Your face shine on us.
Lord, let Your light,
Light of Your face shine on us
That we may be saved,
That we may have life,
To find our way in the darkest night.
Let Your light shine on us.

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.

Praise Song:
“This Little Light of Mine”
Spiritual

This little light of mine. I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine. I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine. I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine!
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine!
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine!
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine!
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

This little light of mine. I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine. I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine. I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

**Closing Hymn:
Go Light Your World
Chris Rice**

(Verse 1)

There is a candle in every soul
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold
There is a Spirit, who brings a fire;
Ignites a candle and makes His home.

(Chorus)

So, carry your candle, run to the darkness,
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it;
Take your candle and go light your world.
Take your candle and go light your world.

(Verse 2)

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way.
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to;
Still holds a candle without a flame.

(Chorus)

So, carry your candle, run to the darkness,
Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it;
Take your candle and go light your world.
Take your candle and go light your world.

(Verse 3)

We are a family whose hearts are blazing,
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky.
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus;
Make us a beacon in darkest times.

(Last Chorus)

So, carry your candle, run to the darkness,
Seek out the helpless, deceived and poor.
Hold out your candle for all to see it;
Take your candle and go light your world.
Carry your candle run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it;
Take your candle and go light your world.
Take your candle and go light your world.

(Ending)

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Announcements

Welcome to worship at the First United Methodist Church of Freehold. Whether you are joining us in person, or virtually, we are glad you are with us.

Join us for our “Soup-er Bowl” Luncheon following service in Wesley Hall. Enjoy some Fellowship time and warm up with a delicious bowl of soup with salad and bread - all prepared by our FUMC family.

The **Seekers class** is beginning a new study on February 15: *The Last Supper: Conversations That Led to the Cross* by William Willimon. "Travel with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem in this profound six-week Lenten study that explores the parables and stories Jesus told at tables along the way to his final meal. Will Willimon invites readers to experience how these table stories—about searching shepherds, welcoming hosts, prodigal sons, and rejected invitations—illuminate the deeper meaning of the Last Supper and Christ's sacrifice."

Please join us on February 18th for **Ash Wednesday service**. We will have 2 services: one at 11:30 a.m. and an evening service at 7:00 p.m.

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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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This Week at a Glance (February 9 – February 15)

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
3:00 p.m. - Missions Committee Meeting (Coffee Room)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
7:00 p.m. - Second Tuesday Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - "Oasis" Bible Study Group
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: **VALENTINE'S DAY**
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 Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)
5:00 p.m. - iZion Christian Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)

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

*** No Events Scheduled

February Birthdays

(2) Dan Tagatac	(12) Don Johnson
(3) Lynne Beach	(18) Tanika Peart
(5) Betsy Heaton	(18) Nancy Mongano
(5) Lucero Velazquez-Alvarz	(22) Pamela Wentworth
(6) Lori Beauregard	(23) Becky Gorman
	(28) Colin Budka