

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, July 27, 2025
7th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Pamela Wentworth

Prelude: "Whispering Hope" J.I. McLelland

Welcome: Pamela Wentworth

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come, you who long for shelter and peace.

People: We come to seek the One who covers us with compassion.

Leader: When life leaves us exposed and uncertain,

People: God spreads divine wings over our fear and need.

Leader: Like Ruth at the threshing floor,

People: We seek the nearness of the One who redeems.

Leader: Let us worship the God who welcomes us beneath his wings.

People: With longing and trust, we draw near to God's grace.

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

Gracious Redeemer, we come with hearts like Ruth who is vulnerable, hopeful, and longing to rest beneath your wings. In a world that often feels cold and uncertain, we turn to you, our refuge and strength. As we worship today, receive our quiet prayers and whispered hopes. Cover us with your mercy and remind us that your steadfast love is ever near. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "The Church's One Foundation" UMH #545
(v. 1, 2, 4, 5)

***Praise Song:** "Where Could I Go but to the Lord" James B. Coats

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 Hymn: "Breathe" Marie Barnett

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Ruth 3:1-11, 14 Bob Sterling

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
Week 3: Beneath God’s Wings”

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Special Music Presentation:

Performed by Jenae Brach

Offering Time: Our Special Offering will benefit Thailand Now. Thailand Now ministry protects vulnerable children from being trafficked in the sex and drug trades in Thailand.

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

“Sanctus”
FUMC Choir, Ray Ritchie - Soloist

Robert Ray

*Doxology:

“Thank You, God”

Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Loving God, your grace shelters and sustains us. We bring these offerings as a response to your faithful care. May they become acts of refuge for those in need and a sign that your wings still stretch wide over this world. Bless them and use them to redeem what is broken. Amen.

*Closing Song:

“Stand By Me”

Rev. Charles A. Tindley

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude:

“Stand By Me”
(Reprise)

Rev. Charles A. Tindley

Scripture Passage for Sunday, July, 27 2025

Liturgist: Bob Sterling

Ruth 3:1-11, 14

Ruth and Boaz at the Threshing Floor

3 Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. **2** Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. **3** Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. **4** When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do.” **5** She said to her, “All that you say I will do.”

6 So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had instructed her. **7** When Boaz had eaten and drunk and was in a contented mood, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came stealthily and uncovered his feet and lay down. **8** At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and there, lying at his feet, was a woman! **9** He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth, your servant; spread your cloak over your servant, for you are next-of-kin.”^[a] **10** He said, “May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter; this last instance of your loyalty is better than the first; you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. **11** And now, my daughter, do not be afraid, I will do for you all that you ask, for all the assembly of my people know that you are a worthy woman.

14 So she lay at his feet until morning but got up before one person could recognize another, for he said, “It must not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.”

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
"The Church's One Foundation" (v. 1, 2, 4, 5)
UMH #545

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

Praise Hymn:
"Where Could I Go but to the Lord"
J.B. Coats

(Verse 1)
Living below in this old sinful world,
Hardly a comfort can afford.
Striving alone to face temptation's call,
Now won't you tell me
Where could I go but to the Lord?

(Chorus)
Where could I go? Oh, where could I go?
Seeking a refuge for my soul.
Needing a friend, to save me in the end.
Oh, won't you tell me
Where could I go but to the Lord?

(Verse 2)
Life here is grand with friends I love so dear.
Comfort I get from God's own word.
Yet, when I face the chilling hand of death,
Now won't you tell me
Where could I go but to the Lord?

(Chorus)
Where could I go? Oh, where could I go?
Seeking a refuge for my soul.
Needing a friend, to save me in the end.
Oh, won't you tell me
Where could I go but to the Lord?
Where could I go but to the Lord?

Prayer Hymn:

"Breathe"

Marie Barnett

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread,
Your very word spoken to me.

And I, I'm desperate for You.
And I, I'm lost without You.

(Repeat all)

And I, I'm desperate for You.
And I, I'm lost without You.
And I, I'm desperate for You.
And I, I'm lost without You.

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe.

Doxology:

"Thank You God"

Mitch Samu

Thank you God, Thank you God,
Thank you God,
For giving me this life I get to live.

Thank you God, Love you God,
Praise you God,
Forever I will give all I can give.

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.

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 the family of Carolyn Brach in celebration of her 100th birthday!

The **Elizabeth Circle** will be meeting at noon tomorrow, at Huddy's Restaurant in Colts Neck.

Olde Freehold Day is **August 2nd** from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Lake Topanemus. Bakers are needed, as well as help setting up, breaking down and selling. Please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame! – **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 purchase your ticket from Gayle Trulli.

Save the Date: 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.

Memories and Melodies - A Summer Project by Chloe Jeon

This summer, Chloe Jeon is inviting you to join her in a special musical journey called Memories and Melodies. Many of you have experienced Chloe's gift for the violin during worship. Now, she hopes to deepen that experience by connecting music with the personal stories that make it meaningful. She writes:

"If you have a song that's close to your heart - any song - I'd love for you to share it with me along with a short story about what it means to you. I'll prepare and share these songs on the violin during our summer services, and with your permission, I'll also share your story."

Your song can be sacred or secular, classical or contemporary - what matters most is its meaning to you. Let's make this a season of music, memories, and connection.

Songs and stories can be submitted through the Newsletter, or emailed to Pastor Yoseb: pastor@freeholdmethodist.org.

Please donate your new or gently used sneakers, shoes, or work boots and new socks, for BOTH men and women. While black socks are preferred for men, white athletic socks will also be accepted. Place your donations in the "shoe" box in Missions Hall. Donations will be accepted throughout July.

July Birthdays

(04) Kimberly Dunsavage	(13) Carolyn Dahl	(26) Lan Wilson
(06) Eric Darby	(15) Luanne Kip	(26) AnnMarie Meredith
(06) Diane Mulholland	(18) Greg Schwarzkopf	(27) Larry Jamison
(09) Carolyn Heuser	(19) Paula Taylor	(30) Jan Hall
(09) Elise Tagatac	(24) Christine Calcao	(30) Gabriel Sterling
(10) Crystal Taylor	(24) Peter Calcao	(31) Rev. Christina Zito

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 (July 28 – August 3)

Monday: 12:00 p.m. - Elizabeth Circle Luncheon (Huddy's Restaurant, Colts Neck)
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)

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)

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 with Communion (Sanctuary)

(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