

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

**Sunday, August 10, 2025
9th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude: James Horner
"My Heart Will Go On"
Chloe Jeon – Violin, Daniel Jeon – Cello, Mitch Samu - Piano

Welcome: Verl McKinney

*Call to Worship – From Ministry Matters:

Leader: The Lord comes to us this day. Are you ready?

People: We are ready!

Leader: The Lord challenges us to be in ministries of peace and hope. Are you ready?

People: We are ready!

Leader: Let us praise God who calls us to serve God by helping others.

People: Praise be to God who has given us hope and peace. AMEN.

*Opening Prayer (In Unison):

Surprising God of mercy and love, thank you for calling to us this day. We praise you that you challenge us to show our faith in ministries of peace and justice, offering compassion to all in need. Open our hearts and minds today to hear your words of encouragement and challenge. We offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

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*Opening Hymn: UMH #61
"Come, Thou Almighty King"

*Praise Song: UMH #434
"When the Poor Ones"

Children's Moment: Leah Zuckerman

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: TFWS #2080
"All I Need Is You"

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Anne Mayer
Luke 12:32-40

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:

“Are You Ready?”

Leah Zuckerman

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

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

“In My Own Little Corner”

Richard Rogers

Chloe Jeon – Violin, Mitch Samu - Piano

*Doxology:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer – UMC Discipleship (In Unison):

Faithful and Gracious God, you have called us to be a people of hope, to trust in what we cannot see. As we bring these gifts before you, we offer not only our resources, but also our faith – faith that you are at work in our giving, building a future of justice, mercy, and love. Bless these offerings, that they may be signs of our longing for your kingdom and our trust in your promises. May our generosity inspire others to live with courage and conviction, seeking that better country you have prepared for us. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

*Closing Song:

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

Spiritual

*Benediction:

Leah Zuckerman

*Postlude:

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”
(Reprise)

Spiritual

Scripture Passage for Sunday, August 10, 2025

Liturgist: Anne Mayer

Luke 12:32-40

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Watchful Slaves

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he^[a] would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
"Come, Thou Almighty King"
UMH #61

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days!

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend!
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend!

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power!

To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be,
Hence, evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore!

Praise Hymn:
"When the Poor Ones"
UMH #434

When the poor ones who have nothing
Share with strangers,
When the thirsty
Water give unto us all,
When the crippled in their weakness
Strengthen others,
Then we know that God
Still goes that road with us,
Then we know that God
Still goes that road with us.

When at last all those who suffer
Find their comfort,
When they hope though even hope
Seems hopelessness,
When we love though hate at times
Seems all around us,
Then we know that God
Still goes that road with us,
Then we know that God
Still goes that road with us.

When our joy fills up our cup
To overflowing,
When our lips can speak no words
Other than true,
When we know that love for
Simple things is better,
Then we know that God
Still goes that road with us,
Then we know that God
Still goes that road with us.

When our homes are filled with goodness
In abundance,
When we learn how to make peace
Instead of war,
When each stranger that we meet
Is called a neighbor,
Then we know that God
Still goes that road with us,
Then we know that God
Still goes that road with us.

Prayer Hymn:
“All I Need Is You”
TFWS #2080

All I need is You, Jesus,
All I need is You.
You are the source of all I need.
All I need is You.

All I want is You, Jesus,
All I want is You.
You are the source of all I need.
All I want is You.

My only hope is You, Lord,
My only hope is You.
You are the source of all I need.
My only hope is You.

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:
“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”
Spiritual

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
The time is drawing nigh.
(Repeat)

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 Anne Mayer & Dan Tagatac in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

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.

A Message from Open Door: Open Door is serving the community in ever greater numbers. To improve its ability to serve those in need of food or housing stability, Open Door is moving to a larger space in Freehold. Renovating the new space and the move will cost money. Open Door is appealing to us, as part of the community, to contribute toward the moving costs.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation today. Thank you for being a part of Open Door's work.

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 11 – August 17)

Monday:	***
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM) 7:00 p.m. - Second Tuesday Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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.) 6:00 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church Special Prayer Service (Sanctuary)
Sunday:	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. - Ice Cream Social (Fellowship Hall), and Piano Concert by Mitch Samu (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. Directed by Leah Zuckerman.
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