

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, September 21, 2025
15th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Linda Gatti

Prelude: *Chloe's Memories and Melodies*
"Give Me Your Eyes" Music by Brandon Heath

Welcome: Linda Gatti

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come and worship the God who rules in love and justice.

People: We lift our prayers for leaders and neighbors.

Leader: God calls us to seek the common good.

People: We gather to listen, to learn, and to serve.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord who plants us in this community.

People: With open hearts, we come to give thanks and praise.

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

God of wisdom and mercy, you call us to pray for those in leadership and to work for the flourishing of all. Bless our mayor and all who serve this town. Inspire us with vision, courage, and hope. In this hour of worship, guide us by your Spirit, that our love may grow and our hands may be ready to serve. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "This Is My Song" UMH #437

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

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 Song: "Make Us One" TFWS #2224

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-2; Romans 13:1-7 Andrea Garcia

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:

Sermon Series: "This Is Our Community"
Week 2 – "Serving the Common Good"

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Guest Speaker:

Mayor Kevin Kane

Offering Time: The Special Offering for the month of September will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

"Acclamation"
FUMC Choir

Robert Ray

*Doxology:

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer – UMC Discipleship (In Unison):

Generous God, you call us to build up the common good. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and commitment. May they strengthen this church's witness, support our neighbors in need, and bless this town with hope and justice. In Christ's name, Amen.

*Closing Song:

"City of God"

Dan Schutte

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude:

"City of God"
(Reprise)

Dan Schutte

Scripture Passage for Sunday, September 21, 2025

Liturgist: Andrea Garcia

1 Timothy 2:1-2; Romans 13:1-7

Instructions concerning Prayer

2 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

Being Subject to Authorities

13 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval, ⁴for it is God's agent for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority^[a] does not bear the sword in vain! It is the agent of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's agents, busy with this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is due them: taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
"This Is My Song"
UMH #437

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, Thou God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth Thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him,
And hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, Thou God of all the nations;
Myself I give Thee; let Thy will be done.

Praise Hymn:
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)

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:
"Make Us One"
TFWS #2224

Make us one, Lord,
Make us one;
Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let Your love flow
So the world will know
We are one in 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:

"City of God"

Dan Schutte

Awake from your slumber, arise from your sleep,
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light;
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Let us build the city of God,
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love
Has turned the night into day.

We are sons of the morning;
We are daughters of day;
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
A light for his people to set their hearts free.

Let us build the city of God,
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love
Has turned the night into day.

God is light, in him there is no darkness;
Let us walk in his light, his children one and all.

O comfort my people, make gentle your words,
Proclaim to my city, the day of her birth.

Let us build the city of God,
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love
Has turned the night into day.

O city of gladness now lift up your voice,
Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice.

Let us build the city of God,
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love
Has turned the night into day.

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.

We will be packing **lunch bags for E.H.A.P.** immediately following service today. This will not take long, and any time you can give is appreciated.

Join us for Soul Supper - Thursday, September 25th at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. The featured dish will be Broccoli Chicken Alfredo! The meal is free and all are welcome. Please remember to sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend.

September Birthdays

(02) Diana L. Dreyer	(06) Dora Moore	(18) Bob Sterling
(02) Cara Hennessey	(10) Susan Mulholland	(25) Dawn A. Tephford
(03) Rachel Englert	(13) Rich Budalich	(30) Katelyn Cronin
(04) Charlie Mongano	(15) Jaslin Davison	

This Week at a Glance (September 22 – September 28)

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Administrative Council Meeting
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: 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: 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: 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)

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

*** No Events Scheduled

After many devastating floods in our Southern states, the Elizabeth Circle is planning to fill **Flood Buckets** for disaster relief. If you would like to contribute, we can use the following supplies **by September 21:**

32-64 oz. dish detergent	Kitchen gloves (size M or L),
16-40 oz. liquid concentrate household cleaner (Pine Sol)	N95 or N94 respirator masks,
33-50 oz. laundry detergent	Plastic scrub brush
4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener	Cotton work gloves with leather palms
6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent	
Reusable fiber cleaning wipes (Handiwyper)	
Pkg of 36-50 clothes pins, 50-100 ft clothes line	
24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallons)	

We can also accept donations to do the shopping for these items.
There will be a box in Mission Hall to fill.