

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, July 26, 2026
9th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude

Welcome: Verl McKinney

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: God is faithful through every season of our lives.

People: God's steadfast love never fails.

Leader: God does not give up on us, but continues to shape us with grace.

People: We open our hearts to God's transforming work.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who is patient, merciful, and faithful.

People: We worship God with thankful hearts.

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

God of everlasting love, you continue your work within us even when the journey is long. Teach us to trust you in times of waiting, disappointment, and unexpected change. Shape our hearts to reflect your love, strengthen our faith, and give us the courage to follow where you lead. May this time of worship draw us closer to you and to one another. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Now Thank We All Our God" UMH #102

***Praise Song:** "Here I Am to Worship" Tim Hughes

Children's Moment: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

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

Finance Update: Ed Bowen

Scripture Reading: Genesis 29:15-28 Rev. Christina Zito

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:

Jacob: A Journey of Grace
Week 2: "Haran: Where God Shapes a Life"

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for July will benefit **ThailandNow.org**. ThailandNow Ministry protects vulnerable children from being trafficked in the sex and drug trades in Thailand.

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Featuring: Joan Kinney, Becky Gorman & Stephanie Palmer

R. Robinson

*Doxology:

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #895

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Faithful Lord, we offer these gifts as an expression of our gratitude for your steadfast care. Take what we bring and use it to bless our neighbors, strengthen your church, and share your grace with all who seek hope. Continue your transforming work through us, that our lives may reflect your generosity and love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Song:

"The Trees of the Field"

TFWS #2279

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Reading: Genesis 29:15-28

Liturgist: Rev. Christina Zito

Jacob Marries Laban's Daughters

¹⁵ Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" ¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah's eyes were weak,^[a] but Rachel was graceful and beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹ Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her.

²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." ²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. ²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. ²⁴ (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵ When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" ²⁶ Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." ²⁸ Jacob did so and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn:
"Now Thank We All Our God"
UMH #102

Now thank we all our God,
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In Whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keeps us still in grace,
And guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills,
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given;
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Praise Song:
"Here I Am to Worship"
Tim Hughes

(Verse 1)
Light of the world, You stepped down into
darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

(Chorus)
So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

(Verse 2)
King of all days, O so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

(Chorus)
So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

(Bridge)
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
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To see my sin upon that cross.

(Chorus)
So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to 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:
“The Trees of the Field”
TFWS #2279

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy,
And all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field
Will clap their hands,
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands,
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.

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.

Today's ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Carol & Susan Davison, *"In memory of our dear mother, Nancy Davison."*

Have you signed up for One on One Time with Pastor Yoseb? Sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall to set up some personal time with our Pastor. Office@freeholdmethodist.org (732-462-1745)

FUMC School Supply Mission: We are collecting backpacks and supplies for kids at **Freehold Learning Center**. Below is a list of needed supplies. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

❖ **Chlidrens' Backpacks**

❖ **Writing Tools:**

- #2 Pencils (Sharpened)
- Large Pink Erasers
- 24-Count Crayola Crayons
- Washable Markers

❖ **Orgnization and Paper:**

- Pocket Folders (often labled by subject)
- Primary Composition Notebooks (with blank space for drawings at the top and lines at the bottom)

❖ **Classroom Essentials:**

- Glue Sticks (Jumbo)
- Child-Safe Blunt Scissors
- Dry-Erase Markers (usually black)
- Pencil Pouch (or pouch to hold supplies)

❖ **Shared/General Supplies:**

- Boxes of Facial Tissue
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Ziplock Storage Bags (gallon or quart sizes)

Olde Freehold Day is August 1st! If you would like to help with our bake sale by baking, selling, or setting up and taking down the bake sale area, please sign up on the sheet n Fellowship Hall.

Next Lunch Packing Event for E.H.A.P. – Sunday August 9th following service. Please bring in lunch bag items by August 9th. Our target is to pack **100** lunch bags. See list of needed items (Below):

PROTEIN: Small pop-top cans of Vienna Sausages, Tuna, or Chicken (in a pop-top can or pouch).

FRUIT CUP: Single serving of mixed fruit, peaches, pineapple, apple sauce, etc.

PEANUT BUTTER or CHEESE CRACKERS: 6 crackers/ packet

CHEWY GRANOLA BAR: Any flavor

WATER or SUGAR-FREE DRINK

TREAT: Small cookies packet

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 (July 27 – August 2)

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)
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)
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Joyful Noise Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. - Choir Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. - Fellowship Time and Refreshments (Fellowship Hall)
5:00 p.m. - iZion Christian Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)

July Birthdays

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

August Birthdays

(03) Corbett Corey	(19) Ken Budka	(26) Anita Ritchie
(04) Carolyn Brach	(21) Verl McKinney	(27) Ernest Peart
(05) Cassie Sterling	(21) Sandra Hernandez	(30) Shawn Darby
(17) Jessica Cronin	(25) Lindsey Hennessey	(31) Emily Ward
(18) Gayle Trulli		
