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## Jerseyville United Methodist Church

**Worship Service 12pm, July 26, 2026, 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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❖ *= Those who are comfortable standing, please rise*

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Prelude: "Moment by Moment" (The Family of God 65))

**Meditation:**

““Suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.” (Romans 5:3b-4)

❖ **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 Hymn: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”  
(UMH 133)**

**Opening Prayer (Together):**

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.

Offering God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ **Doxology (UMH 95)**

**Offering Prayer (Together)**

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.

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Prayers and Joys of the People of God

**Hymn: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (TFWS  
2193)**

Scripture Reading: ..... Genesis 29:15-28

Sermon: Jacob: A Journey of Grace

**Week 2: “Haran: Where God Shapes a Life”**      Rev. Yoseb Jeon

**Prayer of Confession (Together):**

Patient God, we confess that we often want the shortcut. We want quick answers, easy solutions, and immediate results. When waiting becomes long or life does not go according to our plans, we become impatient and discouraged. Forgive us for failing to trust that you are still at work in the ordinary and difficult seasons of our lives. Teach us to wait with faith, to love with patience, and to remain faithful when the road is long. Shape us by your grace into the people you are calling us to become. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

❖ **Closing Hymn “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”  
(UMH 128)**

**Benediction**

Postlude: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (UMH 384)

## *Jerseyville UMC Announcements*

### **1. Ad Council Meeting**

There will be an emergency Ad Council meeting immediately following worship today to discuss the basement sump pump and several other building issues. All members are asked to remain after the service. Thank you for your participation and support.

### **2. Back-to-School Supply Collection**

Throughout July and August, we will be collecting back-to-school supplies for local students. Donations of basic school supplies such as notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, markers, folders, glue sticks, backpacks, and other classroom essentials are greatly appreciated. All donated supplies will be delivered to Joshua House to support students as they prepare for the new school year. A collection box will be available at the church. Thank you for your generosity and support.

### **3. Book Club Invitation**

Do you like to read? During the school year, a group of members and friends of First United Methodist Church of Freehold gathers each month to discuss a novel or nonfiction book. Meetings alternate between in person and Zoom. We would love to have you join us! For more information, please contact Cindy Curtis-Budka at [curtisbudka@gmail.com](mailto:curtisbudka@gmail.com).

**Worship on Zoom** - Use your Zoom app, Click the link on [jerseyvilleumc.org](http://jerseyvilleumc.org) or call (646) 876-9923. Both the Zoom app & telephone have the same Meeting ID: 882 289 1264

## *Jerseyville United Methodist Church*

July 26, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



### **Sunday Worship ~ 12:00 PM**

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

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