

January 5, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Sermon

“Release into Rest”

Rev. JongIn Lee

**Order for Our Worship of God**

(\*those who are able are invited to stand)

Holy Communion

Service of Word and Table II

Hymnal p. 12

Welcome

\*Hymn of Reflection

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”  
(vs. 1, 3, 4)

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Prelude

“Day by Day”

arr. Berry

Prayer Time

Call to Worship

Come, today may we be released so that we can rest.

**We come seeking rest for our minds, hearts, and souls.**

Lay down your fears and anxieties.

**We come to release the weight that stretches us too thin.**

God meets us here, offering rest and renewal.

**We come, ready to be restored in God’s presence. Amen.**

The Giving of Our Offering

Offering Song

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. Wilhelmi

\*Presentation

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**God of abundance, as we offer these gifts, may they bring rest and renewal to those who need it most. Use them to spread Your love and peace. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

Opening Prayer

**Loving God, we are often stretched to our limits, trying to do it all. Today, we release into Your compassion. Renew us as we rest in Your presence, reminding us that we are already simply loved. In Your name we pray. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

“Lord, Speak to Me” (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

No. 463

\*Blessing

Postlude

“Fanfare to a Festive Occasion”

Smith

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\*Opening Hymn

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

No. 117

Passing the Peace

**WE WELCOME ALL** to this service of worship including newcomers and visitors among us.

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE** ~ Rev. JongIn Lee, Pastor; Dr. Russell Wagoner, Director of Music/Organist; and Pat Andrews, Liturgist. We appreciate them sharing their gifts with us as we gather to worship and praise God today!

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19:1–9

Children’s Time

**SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE** ~ A special charge conference is planned for Monday, January 6, 7:10 PM via Zoom to approve the pastor’s compensation report for 2025.

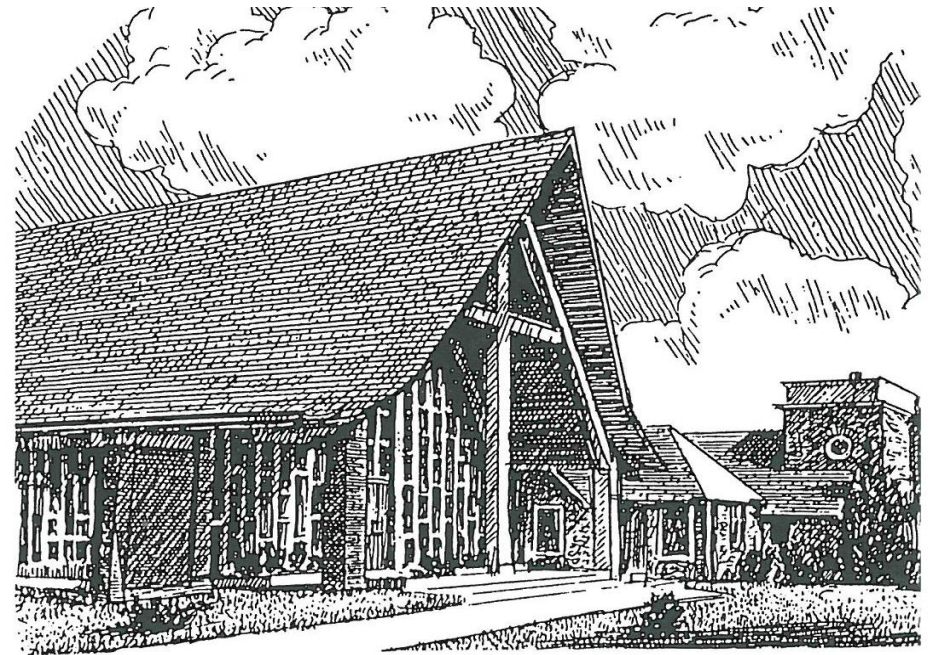
Choral Anthem

“Near to the Heart of God”

**CLOSE THE GAP NEWS** ~ With the final accounting on the Close the Gap campaign completed, the Finance Committee reports that we raised \$39,385, which is 72% of our goal. Thank you to everyone in our congregation for your contributions to our Close the Gap campaign!

**BLESSED BARGAINS THRIFT SHOP** ~ All holiday items are on clearance sale now—Christmas ornaments, platters, dishes, snowmen, candles and more! Join us in January (Thursdays and Saturdays, 9am–2pm) for special pricing on our winter coats, hats and scarfs on sale starting January 2nd!

**JANUARY BOOK CLUB** ~ The next Book Club meeting will be Thursday, January 16, at 10:30 a.m. when the discussion will be about the book *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano. All who read the book are welcome to attend the discussion.



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OF FRANKLIN LAKES**

**Organized 1855**

**Rev. JongIn Lee, Pastor**

**AN INVITATION**

***To all who would know God and do God's will;  
To all who would live and work to make  
Jesus' love alive in the world;  
To all who seek comfort and would find rest;  
To old and young, rich and poor, saint and sinner,  
This church opens wide its doors  
And—in the name of Jesus the Christ—  
Bids you welcome to this house of the Lord!***

**PASTOR:** *Rev. JongIn Lee*

**LAY LEADER:** *Dave Murray*

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST:** *Dr. Russell Wagoner*

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