

January 26, 2025

10:00 A.M.

\*Hymn of Reflection

“Near to the Heart of God”

No. 472

**Order for Our Worship of God**

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

Welcome

Prelude

“Come Unto Me”

Rasley

Call to Worship

God calls us to rest, not only for ourselves but for all people and all creation.

**We come to embrace this gift of rest, knowing it is meant for every person, every creature, and the earth itself.**

In this time of worship, we pause to reflect on the ways we may have denied others their rest.

**We come seeking balance, equity, and justice in how we live and rest together.**

Let us receive the gift of God’s love, freely given to all, without exception.

**We come to be restored, and to offer restoration to all. Amen.**

Opening Prayer

**Gracious God, You have created rest as a gift for all of Your creation, yet we often forget to share that gift with others. Open our hearts and minds to see where we have neglected the rest of our neighbors. Help us to restore balance and equity so that everyone can experience renewal in You. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” (vs. 1, 3, 4) No. 358

Passing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

**God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 25:1–19

Children’s Time

Choral Anthem

“My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone”

arr. Kirkland

Dedication of New Church Website

Sermon

“The Gift of Rest”

Rev. JongIn Lee

Prayer Time

The Giving of Our Offering

Offering Song

“Quiet Reflection”

Warriner

\*Presentation “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**God of justice and renewal, as we offer these gifts, use them to break down the barriers that prevent others from finding rest. May our offerings bring balance, equity, and the fullness of Your love to every corner of our community. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

“I Am Thine, O Lord” (vs. 1–3)

No. 419

\*Blessing

Postlude

“Carillon on Whispering Hope”

arr. Callahan

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

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

**FLOWERS** on the altar this morning are given with love by EK and JongIn Lee in celebration of the birthday of their daughter Sophia on January 26, which is today!

**BLESSED BARGAINS THRIFT SHOP** ~ Come in to browse and shop for new items for Valentines and the upcoming spring season. In addition, all winter clothing items are on clearance sale now. The Thrift Shop is open for shopping and making donations on Thursdays and Saturdays (9am–2pm).

**THE OLD STONE MUSIC AND COFFEE HOUSE – February 7 ~** Join us on Friday, February 7, at The Old Stone. Tim Gysin (our favorite “Piano Man”) will be performing. As always, doors open at 7:30 p.m. with music from 8–10 p.m. A \$10 cover charge includes entry and unlimited coffee, tea, a cold drink, and some yummy baked goodies. BYOBOW is allowed.

**STOP & SHOP BLOOMIN’ 4 GOOD PROGRAM ~** FLUMC has been selected as the February beneficiary of Stop & Shop’s *Bloomin’ 4 Good* program. During the month of February, Stop & Shop will contribute \$1.00 to FLUMC for every \$10.99 bouquet marked in the sleeve *Bloomin’ 4 Good* purchased at the Franklin Lakes Stop & Shop location. The money contributed to FLUMC will benefit our community garden, which helps CUMAC fight hunger. *Please note that this program only applies to the bouquets marked “Bloomin’ 4 Good.”* Flowers can make someone’s day, especially on Valentine’s Day, brighten a room or spread a smile and now they can fight hunger too. The more bouquets sold means the more our Community Garden will benefit from this program. For more information about the program, please visit [stopandshop.2givelocal.com](http://stopandshop.2givelocal.com). Thank you for your support!

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

**LAY LEADER:** *Dave Murray*

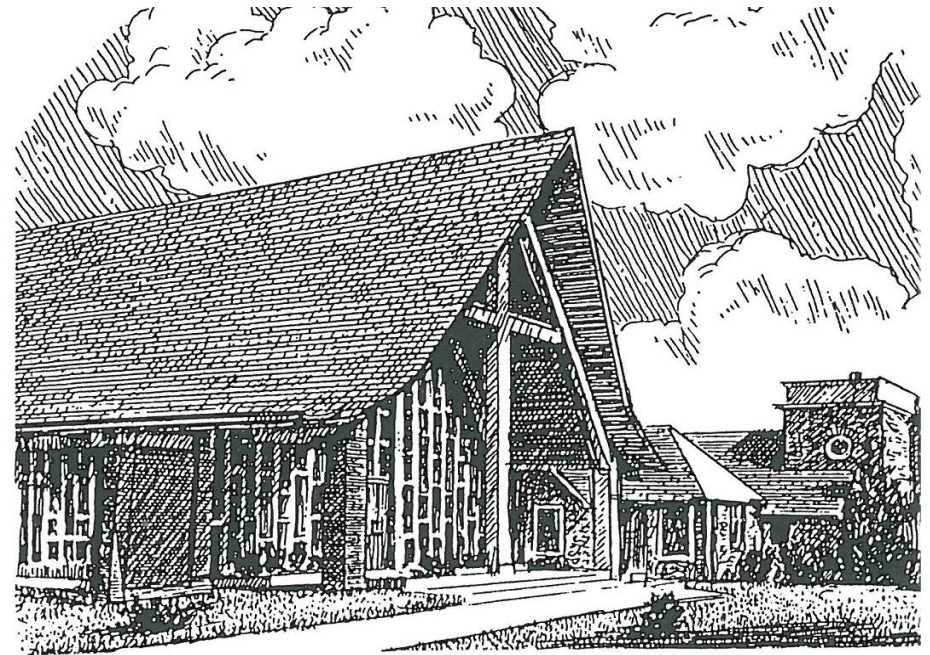
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**AN INVITATION**

***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!***