

March 23, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Sermon

“Who’s Your Hope?”

Rev. JongIn Lee

**Order for Our Worship of God**

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

\*Hymn of Reflection

“My Hope Is Built” (vs. 1–3)

No. 368

Welcome

Prayer Time

Prelude

“Hope”

arr. Raney

The Giving of Our Offering

Call to Worship

These earthly things, they push and pull, they swirl around and cloud our sight.

**You are our hope, O God.**

This static is loud, drowning out your words and all you have taught us.

**You are our hope, O God.**

In all this mess we reach for something, anything to ground us and hold us close.

**You are our hope, O God, our light through the fog, our voice in the chaos, our roots in shifting ground.**

**All: You, O Lord, give us hope beyond our understanding, if only we seek you, listen to you, and walk with you. Amen.**

Offering Song

“Change My Heart, O God”

arr. McDonald

\*Presentation

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Trustworthy God, we give you our gifts today as we try to grow in our trust and commitment to you. Bless our efforts and help us to stay focused on the work that you give us and trust us to do. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

“O Worship the King” (vs. 1–3)

No. 73

\*Blessing

Postlude

“On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand”

arr. McCluskey

Opening Prayer

**Your kingdom come; your will be done, we pray. God, let our words not be empty or rote. Help us to live like you are the leader of our lives and of all creation. We praise you, for you lead with justice, mercy, and love. Help us to recognize when we put our hope in lesser things and by your grace, turn us back to you. Amen.**

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\*Opening Hymn

“Come, Thou Almighty King” (vs. 1–3)

No. 61

Passing the Peace

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

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.**

**PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE** ~ Participating this morning are 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!

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 8:1–22

Children’s Time

Choral Anthem

“My Refuge Be”

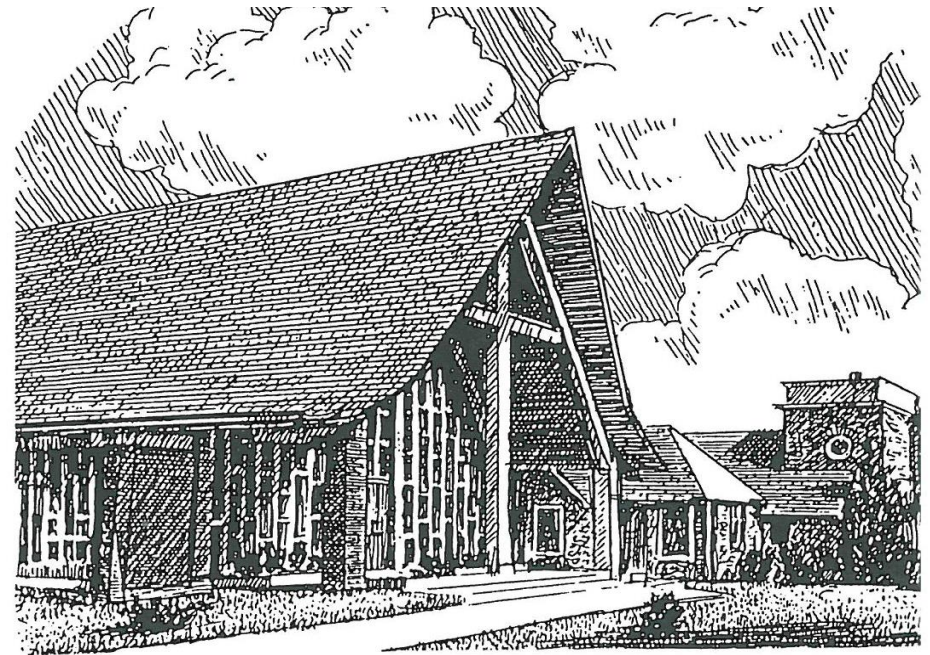
arr. Williamson

**FLOWERS** ~ The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Bill Jackson in loving memory of his wife Mary Ann.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** ~ Our Lenten Bible Study will meet this Wednesday, March 26, at 1:00 p.m. to discuss Chapter 3 of the book *Give Up Something Bad for Lent* by James Moore. All are welcome to join in the discussion even if you have not read the chapter!

**BLESSED BARGAINS THRIFT SHOP** ~ Sign-up sheet for volunteers is posted in the sorting room. Please stop by and sign up to help. There is always something that that needs to be done as new items are arriving regularly! Please share posts and stop by with friends to support our beautiful shop!! Any questions, please contact Barbara, Joan, or Diane.

**THE OLD STONE MUSIC AND COFFEE HOUSE** – **April 4** Join us on Friday, April 4, at The Old Stone. The Kootz will be performing with Rhonda, their drummer and vocalist! It's going to be a great night! As always, doors open at 7:30pm with music from 8–10pm. A \$20 cover charge includes entry and unlimited coffee, tea, a cold drink, and some yummy baked goodies. BYOBOW is allowed.



**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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*

**CHURCH SECRETARY:** *Donna E. Mulder*

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