May 18, 2025 10:00 A.M.

Order for Our Worship of God

(*those who are able are invited to stand)

Welcome

Prelude "Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him" arr. Thompson

Handbell Choir

Call to Worship

In the beginning was the Dream.

And the Dream was with God and spoke for peace.

In the beginning was the Dream.

And the Dream was with God and spoke for justice.

In the beginning was the Dream.

And the Dream was with God and longed for love.

All: We come to worship the God of the Dream in a spirit of peace, justice, and love, longing to glimpse the promise of a holy dwelling place for all creation. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Ever-dreaming God, come to us now, in this time, opening our imaginations to your promise for us, in us, and in all you have made. We pray in the name of your Dream made flesh, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (vs. 1, 2, 4) No. 327

Passing the Peace

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.

Scripture Reading John 13:31–35, Revelation 21:1–6

Choral Anthem "Breathe on Me" arr. Hill

Sermon "A New World" Rev. JongIn Lee

*Hymn of Reflection "Ho

"Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us"

No. 331

Prayer Time

The Giving of Our Offering

Offering Song "Crown Him King of Kings" arr. Tornquist
*Presentation "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 95

*Prayer of Dedication

Giver of life, You are the source of all good things. We entrust to you our gifts, that you would use them to make all know that with you, they are beloved, whole, and restored. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "I Know Whom I Have Believed" (vs. 1–3) No. 714

*Blessing

Postlude "Postlude in C" Kihlken

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

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

BOOK CLUB ~ For May our meeting will be on Thursday, May 22, at 10:30 am, we will be reading *By Any Other Name* by Jodi Picoult. Come to Book Club for the always lively discussion on Thursday, May 22.

LADIES HIGH TEA PARTY ~ Pat Meyers is again graciously hosting the annual **Ladies' Tea Party** at her home on **Saturday, June 7**, at **4:00 p.m.** (395 Nicholas Court, Franklin Lakes). A sign-up sheet for RSVPs is posted.

GARDEN FUND ~ Please consider donating to the Garden Fund to help purchase plants and supplies for the 2025 growing season. Donations can be made online to the designated Garden Fund or by placing a donation in the offering plate on Sunday specifically marked "Garden." For your convenience, donation envelopes are available in Christian Passageway on the table at the garden door as well as in the narthex.

BLESSED BARGAINS THRIFT SHOP ~ Sign-up sheet for volunteers is posted in the sorting room. Please stop by and sign up to help on Thursdays and Staurdays (9am–2pm). 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.

PASTOR: Rev. JongIn Lee

LAY LEADER: Dave Murray

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Dr. Russell Wagoner

CHURCH SECRETARY: Donna E. Mulder

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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!