

July 13, 2025

10:00 A.M.

## **Order for Our Worship of God**

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE      “Better Is One Day/Come into His Presence”      Redman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, are you listening? Have you noticed? God has planted seeds of hope among us.

**We have heard of this hope!**

Are you listening? Have you noticed? God nurtures hope among us, helping us bear the fruit of faithfulness in this world.

**We seek this hope as we learn to live in faith.**

Are you listening? Have you noticed? The hope of God’s good news forms you to love one another with the love of Christ.

**We cling to this hope as we grow in love of God, self, neighbor, and all creation.**

Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God who graciously offers us the gift of hope.

**Come, let us worship God who empowers us to put our hope into faithful and loving actions! Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy God, we worship you, longing to love you fully, yet so often we crowd you out, limiting you to Sundays or moments of need. We truly desire to live in you, to hear your voice above all others. But daily life distracts us—we forget who we are, who you are, and your purpose for your Church. So here we are, flawed and distracted, asking you to reveal yourself, help us sense your holiness, and shape us into your people. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN      “Christ for the World We Sing” (vs. 1, 2, 4)      No. 568

PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:1–14

SPECIAL MUSIC

“In Christ Alone”

arr. Shackley

SERMON

“Heard of This Hope”

Rev. JongIn Lee

\*HYMN OF REFLECTION

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

No. 141

PRAYER TIME

THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERING

Offering Song

“Close to Thee”

Vail/arr. Labenske

\*Presentation

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Gracious and strengthening God, in you we find the power to endure with patience and the grace to give thanks with joy. As we offer these gifts, may they bear fruit in your kingdom, strengthening the church, uplifting the weary, and sharing the hope we have in Christ. Help us remember that we are not alone but surrounded by the saints of light, past and present. May our generosity reflect your abundant love and our lives proclaim the gospel in word and deed. In Christ’s name, we give and rejoice. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

“Take Time to Be Holy” (vs. 1–3)

No. 395

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Voluntary”

Purcell

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

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

**FLOWERS** ~ Flowers on the altar this morning are given with love and in celebration of Mabel Ann Watkins's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday by her family.

**SAVE THE DATE for the 2025 LAYPERSON OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON honoring Daphne D'Zurko Mendolia on Sunday, August 3, 1:00 p.m. at Doc Watson's** (20 Elm Street, Oakland, NJ). A delicious buffet is planned in their private room featuring some of Doc Watson's famous dishes including shepherd's pie, salmon and rice, penne pasta, salad, and of course there will be cake! Ice tea, water, coffee, and tea are included; cash bar also available. Price is \$32/person; please make your check payable to FLUMC (with notation for "Layperson Lunch"). RSVP with payment due by Monday, July 28, to Donna in the church office.

**BLESSED BARGAINS THRIFT SHOP** ~ Sign-up sheet for volunteers is posted in the sorting room where you can sign up to help on Thursdays and Saturdays (9am–2pm). There is always something 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, contact Barbara, Joan, or Diane.

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

**LAY LEADER:** *Dave Murray*

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

**CHURCH SECRETARY:** *Donna E. Mulder* / **SEXTON:** *Bonnie Mann*

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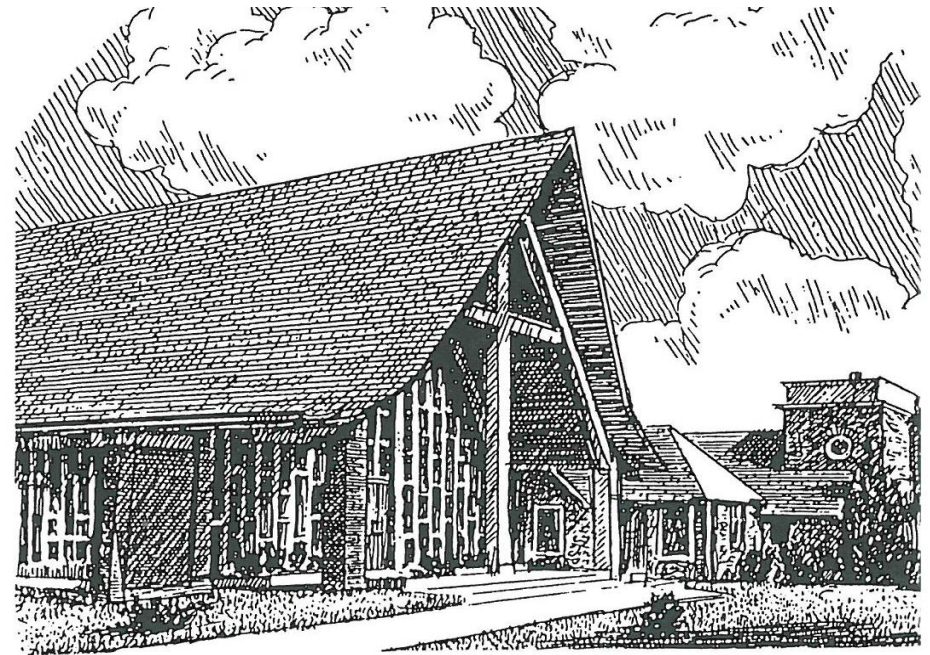
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**AN INVITATION**

*To all who would know God and do God's will;  
To all who would live and work to make  
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!*