

July 19, 2026

10:45 A.M.

Order for Our Worship of God

(*those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE “On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand” Mason

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The kingdom of heaven is like a field where wheat and weeds grow together.

People: **We come to worship the God who is patient, wise, and faithful.**

Leader: We do not always see clearly, but God sees with perfect justice and mercy.

People: **Teach us to trust your timing and to walk in your grace.**

Leader: The harvest belongs to the Lord, and the final word belongs to God alone.

People: **Until that day, help us to live with humility, patience, and hope.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose kingdom grows even in mixed and complicated fields.

People: **We come to hear, to trust, and to be formed by your truth. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Holy and righteous God, we come before you knowing that the world is not simple and that even our own lives are often a mixture of faithfulness and failure, hope and doubt, wheat and weeds. We confess that we are quick to judge, slow to understand, and often eager to sort what only you can rightly discern. Teach us today to trust your wisdom more than our own. Give us patience with one another, compassion in place of suspicion, and courage to keep growing in grace. By your Spirit, tend the field of our lives, so that what is good may be strengthened, what is weak may be healed, and what is false may be surrendered to your mercy. Shape us into faithful disciples who live with humility until the day of harvest. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (vs. 1–3) No. 694

SHARING THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

SPECIAL MUSIC “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” arr. Larson

SERMON “Living in a Mixed Field” Rev. JongIn Lee

*HYMN OF REFLECTION “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” No. 140

PRAYER TIME

THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERING

Offering Song “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Bourgeois

*Presentation “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 95

*Prayer of Dedication

God of mercy and justice, we bring these offerings as a sign that we trust your hands more than our own. Use what we give to nurture good growth in the world, to strengthen what is true, and to support ministries that reflect your compassion and patience. Where there is hurt, let these gifts bring healing. Where there is confusion, let them bring light. Where there is division, let them help build peace. Receive our offerings and use them for the growth of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “Bring Forth the Kingdom” (vs. 1–3) TFWS No. 2190

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE “The Solid Rock” arr. Larson

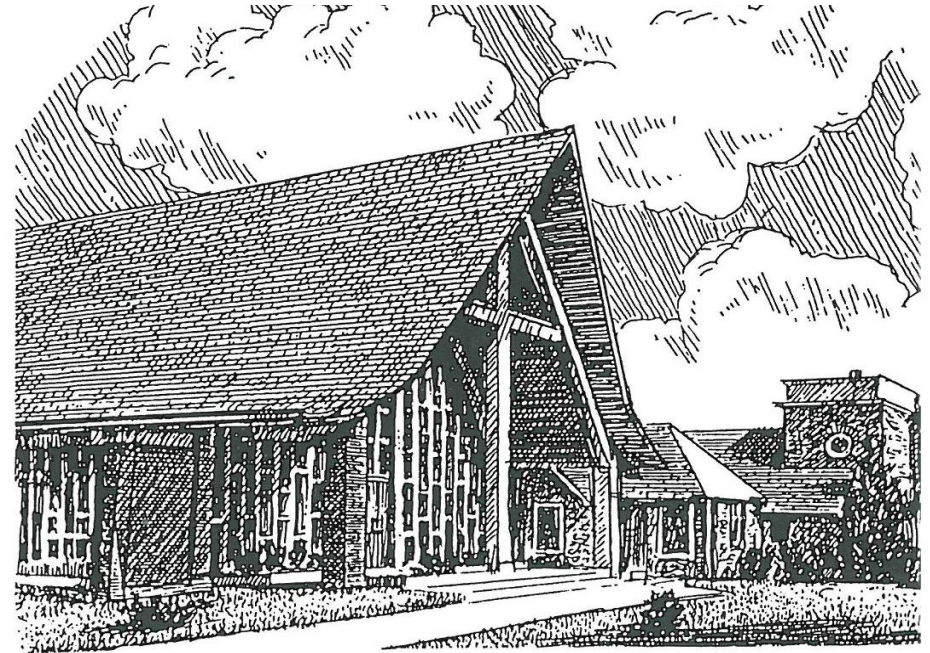
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WE WELCOME ALL to this service of worship including newcomers and visitors among us.

PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE ~ Participating this morning are Rev. JongIn Lee, Pastor; Doug Gipple, Substitute Organist; and Pat Andrews, Liturgist. We appreciate them sharing their gifts with us as we gather to worship and praise God today!

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR TREE MANAGEMENT ~ A special offering will be received to help cover the cost of tree management on our church property. Your generous support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

OLD STONE MUSIC AND COFFEE HOUSE ~ DAVES' NOT HERE will be performing once again at The Old Stone on **Friday, August 7**. Daves' Not here is coming back and bringing their great music and silly fun! They will be performing from 8–10 pm. Doors open at 7:30 pm. A \$20 cover charge includes entry and unlimited coffee, tea, a cold drink, and some delicious baked goodies.



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
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: *Doug Gipple*

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

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

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