

July 26, 2026

10:45 A.M.

Order for Our Worship of God

(*those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE “From Heaven on High” Zachau

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field.

People: **We come to seek the treasure of God’s grace.**

Leader: The kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great price.

People: **We come to rejoice in what is truly worth everything.**

Leader: The kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, gathering in abundance.

People: **Gather us, shape us, and send us out in your love.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose kingdom is beyond compare.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving, we offer our hearts to the Lord.**

Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, giver of every good gift, you have revealed to us a kingdom more precious than silver or gold, more lasting than anything this world can offer. Yet so often our hearts settle for lesser treasures, and our lives are distracted by things that cannot satisfy. Redirect our desires today. Help us to see the beauty of your reign, the joy of your salvation, and the worth of following Christ above all else. Give us the courage to let go of whatever keeps us from you, and the faith to invest our lives in what is eternal. By your Spirit, make us people who seek first your kingdom and find in Christ our deepest joy. We pray in the name of Jesus, our treasure and our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN “For the Beauty of the Earth” (vs. 1, 2, 6) No. 92

SHARING 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

Matthew 13:44–52

SPECIAL MUSIC

“More Precious Than Silver”

arr. Hayes

SERMON

“The Treasure That Changes Everything”

Rev. JongIn Lee

*HYMN OF REFLECTION

“For the Fruits of This Creation”

No. 97

PRAYER TIME

THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERING

Offering Song

“The Gift of Love”

arr. Carter

*Presentation

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 95

*Prayer of Dedication

God of abundance and grace, we bring these offerings with thankful hearts, recognizing that every good thing comes from you. May our giving reflect the joy of those who have found treasure in Christ. Use these gifts to proclaim your good news, to gather the lost, to care for the needy, and to extend the reach of your kingdom in the world. May what we offer today become a witness that your grace is worth more than anything we possess. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God”

No. 102

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Deo Gracias”

Young

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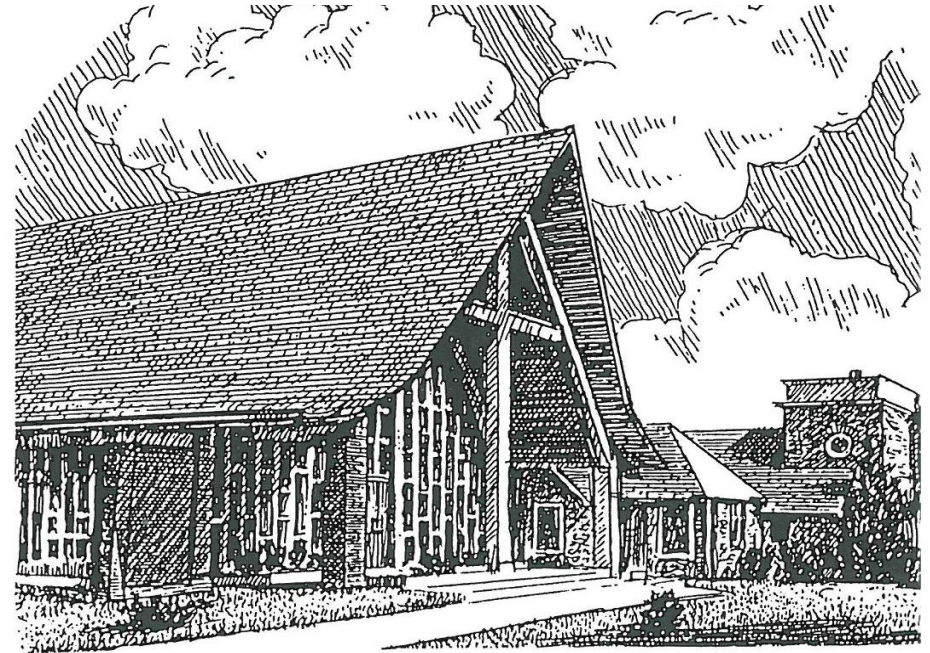
WE WELCOME ALL to this service of worship including newcomers and visitors among us.

PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE ~ Participating this morning are Rev. JongIn Lee, Pastor; Doug Gipple, Substitute Organist; and Michele Newman, 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!

THRIFT STORE CLOSED NEXT WEEK ~ The Thrift Store will be closed on Thursday, July 30, and Saturday, August 1. Regular hours will resume the following week from Thursday, August 6, and Saturday, August 8, when our **SUMMER CLOTHING SALE** will begin!

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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