

July 27, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Order for Our Worship of God

(*those who are able are invited to stand)

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God” arr. Ijames

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, when the journey ahead seems long and hard, full of unknown dangers and all-too-real risks, remember:

Keep the faith. God, who made us alive, is our Guardian and Guide.

When the voices on the side of the road tempt us with their misinformation full of unearned certainty, simple solutions, and quickness to blame and shame those who disagree with them, remember:

Stay the course. God, who made us alive, is our Wisdom and Judge.

When those in power place barriers in our way, making it harder to share the love of God in our communities, trying to convince us it is easier to do nothing than remain firm in God’s call to act for the flourishing of all our neighbors, remember:

Do not be afraid. God, who made us alive, is our Strength and our Advocate.

Children of God, come! Let us worship God, whose persistent love empowers us to persevere, to stay the course, to live by faith and not fear.

Come, let us worship God, who makes us alive, through grace to love and serve God and one another. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Just God, we sense your anger at the injustice that thrives in the world. We share your grief at the discord that rages among your children, the rejection of those who bear your image, and the oppression of those you know by name. We turn toward you for strength and guidance to turn away from the norms of this world, the lure of self-righteousness, and the appeal of comfort over justice. Embolden us to believe that another world is possible and empower us to participate in its creation. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN “Maker, in Whom We Live” (vs. 1–3) No. 88

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 Colossians 2:6–19

SPECIAL MUSIC “Because He Lives” arr. McDonald

SERMON “Made You Alive” Rev. JongIn Lee

*HYMN OF REFLECTION “Spirit of the Living God” (2 times) No. 393

PRAYER TIME

THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERING

Offering Song “In Christ Alone” arr. Raney

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Living and redeeming God, in Christ, you have made us fully alive, setting us free from all that would hold us captive. As we bring these gifts, we do so in gratitude, abounding in thanksgiving for your grace. May these offerings be signs of our rootedness in you, bearing fruit for your kingdom. Let them be used to bring hope, healing, and new life to those in need. Keep us steadfast in Christ, walking in faith and filled with the joy of your transforming love. In the name of the one who makes us whole, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “There’s a Spirit in the Air” (vs. 1, 2, 5) No. 192

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Lord, Reign in Me” Brown/arr. Nelson

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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 Michele Newman, Liturgist.

SNACK COLLECTION FOR CAMP YDP ~ Our neighbors at Camp YDP, a United Methodist helping agency in Paterson, need our help supplying snacks for their summer camp program. Camp YDP serves approximately 100 children daily and their snack cabinet is running low. Please see the flyer in Christian Passageway and consider purchasing snacks for the camp children. If you prefer, you can also donate a ShopRite gift card. Please leave all donations in the box marked "Camp YDP Snack Collection" in Christian Passageway. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Ribustello (201-406-4668). Thank you!

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. Price is \$32/person; please make your check payable to FLUMC (with notation for "Layperson Lunch"). RSVP to Donna in the church office.

BOOK CLUB ICE CREAM SOCIAL ~ The Book Club is planning a midsummer meeting to discuss *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain while enjoying ice cream sundaes! The make-your-own-sundae party will be held in the Old Stone on **Wednesday, August 6, at 12:30 pm.**

OLD STONE ~ The acoustic trio Daves' Not Here will be performing once again at the Old Stone on **Friday, August 8.** As always, doors open at 7:30 pm with music from 8–10 pm. A \$20 cover charge includes entry and unlimited coffee, tea, a cold drink, and delicious baked goodies. BYOBOW is allowed.

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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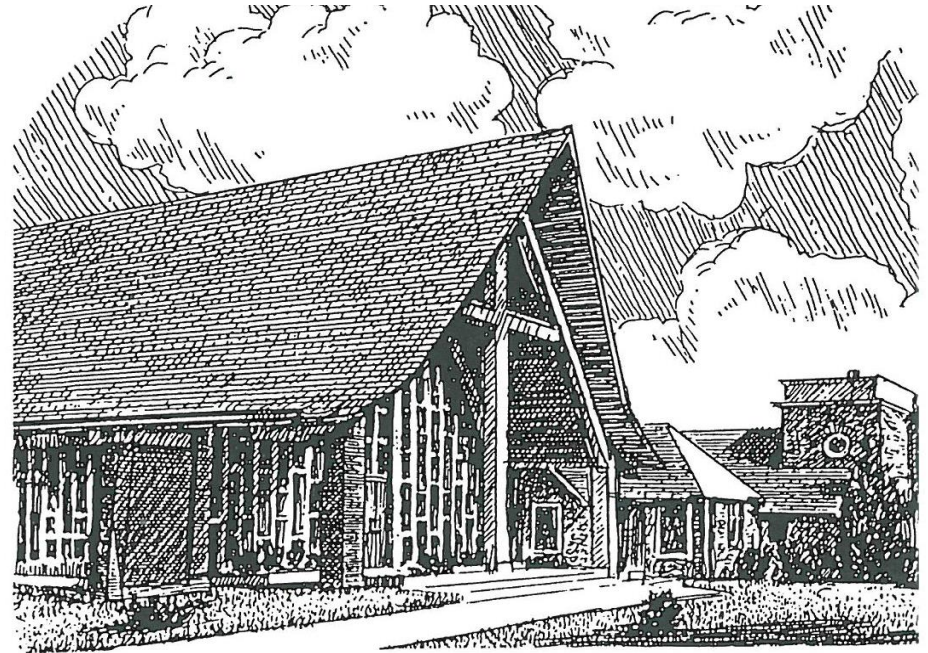
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AN INVITATION

*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!*