

August 9, 2026

10:45 A.M.

Order for Our Worship of God
(*those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks” arr. Forrest

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When the wind rises and the night is long, Christ comes near.

People: We call upon the Lord who reaches for us in fear.

Leader: When faith falters and courage sinks, Christ speaks peace.

People: We trust the One who says, “Take heart; it is I.”

Leader: When we step from the boat, Christ meets us on the way.

People: We worship the Savior who holds us fast. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, in the storm you came near to your disciples and spoke words of peace. Come near to us now. When our faith is strong, deepen it; when our courage fails, steady us; when fear overwhelms us, save us. Teach us to recognize your voice above the waves and your hand reaching toward us in the dark. Shape us into a people who trust you beyond what we can control, and who worship even in uncertainty. Lead us safely through every storm until we rest in your presence, through your mercy and power. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN “Give to the Winds Thy Fears” No. 129

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 14:22–33

SPECIAL MUSIC “How Great Thou Art” arr. Patti
Richard Koons, soloist

SERMON “When the Waves Rise” Rev. JongIn Lee

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

TIME OF RECOGNITION AND FAREWELL Barbara & Dave Murray

PRAYER TIME

THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERING

Offering Song “I Will Call Upon the Lord” arr. Bock

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Faithful God, receive these gifts as acts of trust. We do not offer them because the seas are calm, but because you are with us in every storm. Use them to strengthen the fearful, support the weak, and proclaim the good news of Christ’s saving presence. Teach us to give with steady hearts, knowing that your grace is greater than our doubts. May these offerings help your church walk by faith and not by sight, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “God Will Take Care of You” (vs. 1–3) No. 130

*BLESSING

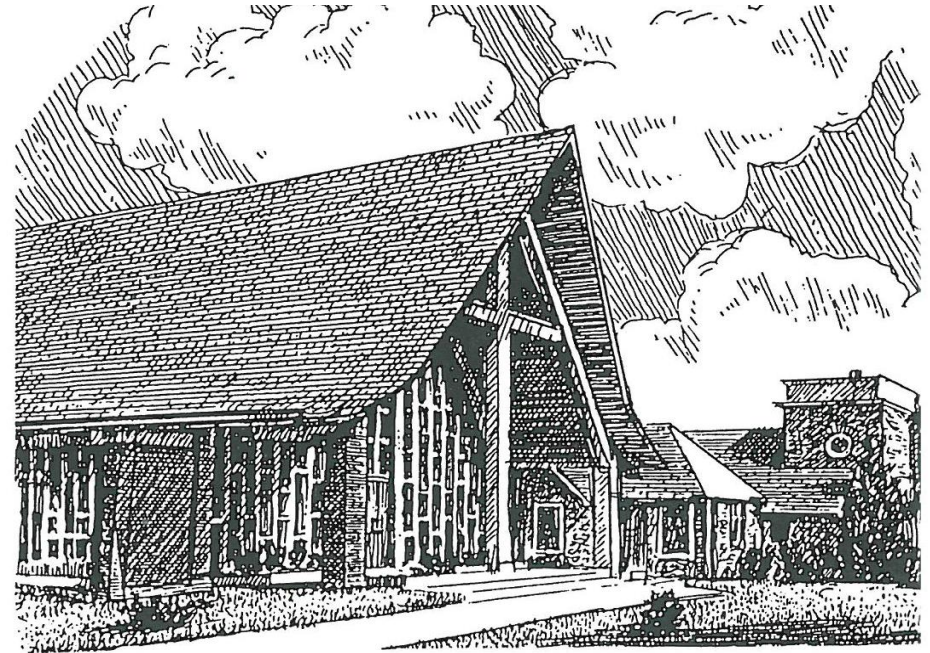
POSTLUDE “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” arr. Kim

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

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

THRIFT SHOP AUGUST SALE EXTRAVAGANZA! Buy One Get One Free of Equal or Lesser Value! Women's and men's summer clothing is on sale. Come and shop for these great values during the month of August. (*Note: Shoes, children's clothing, jeans, handbags, belts, hats, and other accessories are not on sale.*)



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*

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