

August 23, 2026

10:45 A.M.

Order for Our Worship of God

(*those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE “Lift High the Lord Our Banner”
 with “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” arr. Hayes

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When those in power tell us to stay silent, what will we do?

People: We will listen to God and stand for what is right.

Leader: When fear tells us to look away from injustice, what will we do?

People: We will speak up for those who are hurting and oppressed.

Leader: When doing what is right makes us uncomfortable, will we remain silent?

People: No! We will trust God and choose courage over comfort.

Leader: God calls us to protect life, defend the vulnerable, and seek justice.

People: Here we are, Lord. Give us courage to do what is right.

All: God of courage, make us faithful people who are willing to make good trouble for the sake of love, justice, and life. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and courageous God, you hear the cries of those who suffer and see the injustice that others may ignore. Give us the strength to speak when silence would support injustice, and the courage to act when others are afraid.

Forgive us when we choose comfort over compassion or remain silent when our neighbors need our voice. Open our eyes to those who are vulnerable, oppressed, or forgotten. Help us to follow your call to love, protect, and seek justice.

Lord, make us willing to get into good trouble—not for ourselves, but for the sake of your love and your kingdom. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

*OPENING HYMN “Ye Servants of God” (vs. 1–3) No. 181

SHARING 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

Exodus 1:8–20

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Take My Life”
Richard Koons, soloist

Courtney

SERMON

“Good Trouble”

Rev. Beth Quick

*HYMN OF REFLECTION “We Walk by Faith” (vs. 1, 3, 4) TFWs No. 2196

PRAYER TIME

THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERING

Offering Song “Give Me Jesus” arr. McDonald

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and generous God, you have given us more than we can count—your love, your grace, our daily bread, and people who walk beside us. Receive these gifts we bring today. Use them to care for those who are hungry, hurting, forgotten, or treated unjustly. Give us courage to use what we have to protect life and stand with those who are vulnerable. May our giving become more than an offering of money; may it become an offering of our hearts, our voices, and our lives. Guide us to make good trouble for the sake of justice and love. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “Lead On, O King Eternal” No. 580

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Let It Be Said of Us” arr. Wyrzten
with “Take the Name of Jesus with You”
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WE WELCOME ALL to this service of worship including newcomers and visitors among us.

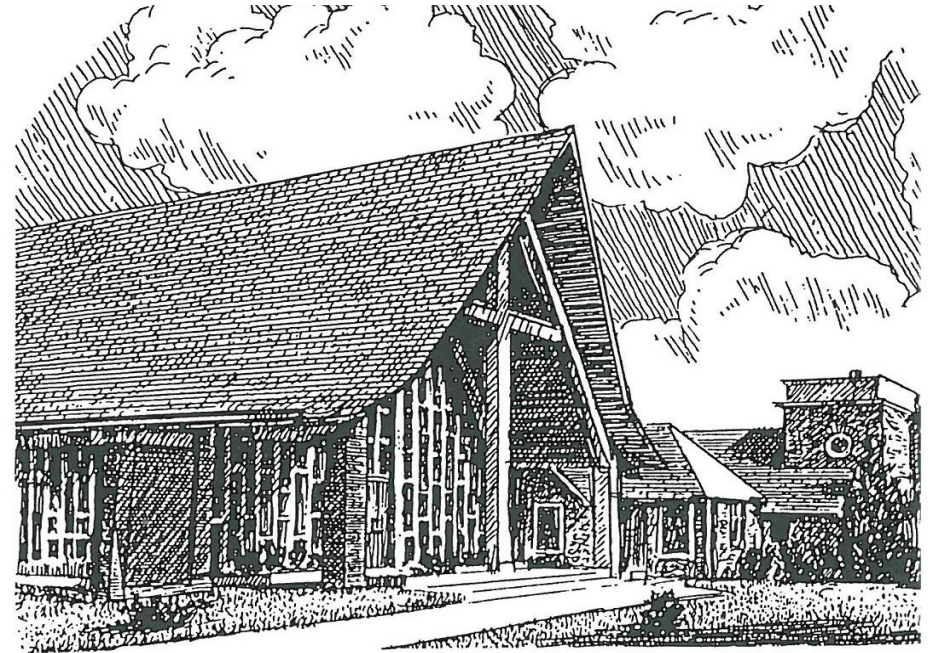
WE WELCOME ALSO Rev. Beth Quick as our guest pastor this morning. Rev. Beth is a former pastor of our church and we are pleased she will be leading us in worship today while Rev. JongIn is on vacation.

PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE ~ Participating in our service this morning are Rev. Beth Quick, Guest Pastor; Dr. Russell Wagoner, Director of Music/Organist; and Michele Newman, 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.*)

PASTOR'S VACATION ~ Next Sunday, August 30, Certified Lay Minister Lee Haas will be our guest speaker while Pastor JongIn is on vacation.

OLD STONE MUSIC AND COFFEE HOUSE ~ Timepeace is coming back!! It's going to be a night of great music we all know and love on Friday, September 11. As always, doors open at 7:30pm with music from 8–10pm. A \$15 cover charge includes entry and unlimited coffee, tea, a cold drink and some yummy 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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