

September 15, 2024

10:00 A.M.

*Hymn of Reflection

“The Gift of Love”

No. 408

Order for Our Worship of God

(*those who are able are invited to stand)

Welcome

Prelude “You Are My All in All”

arr. Carter

Call to Worship

Come home—

Into the loving arms of God,

For this is a place of connection,

Where we love one another as Christ has loved us.

Let us remain in God’s love as we worship together! Amen.

Opening Prayer

Creator God, you are the vine, and we are the branches. Help us prune away hatred, division, strife, and discord. Keep us connected to your love and joy that we might bear much fruit in sharing your Good News with the world. In Christ’s sacred name we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (vs. 1–3) No. 384

Passing 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 John 15:1–12

Children’s Time

Choral Anthem “Here’s My Life”

Peterson

Sermon “Connection with God”

Rev. JongIn Lee

Time of Prayer

The Giving of Our Offering

Offertory “More Love to Thee” Doane

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Grower of all that is good, receive our gifts today. Water them and shine your light upon them. Tend and prune them, so that through the fruit they bear, we will grow in connection to you, each other, and the world. Amen.

*Closing Hymn “Where Charity and Love Prevail” (vs. 1–3, 6) No. 549

*Blessing

Postlude “On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand” Mason

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

PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE ~ Rev. JongIn Lee, Pastor; Dr. Russell Wagoner, Director of Music/Organist; Brian Pobanz, Liturgist. We appreciate them sharing their gifts with us as we gather to worship and praise God today!

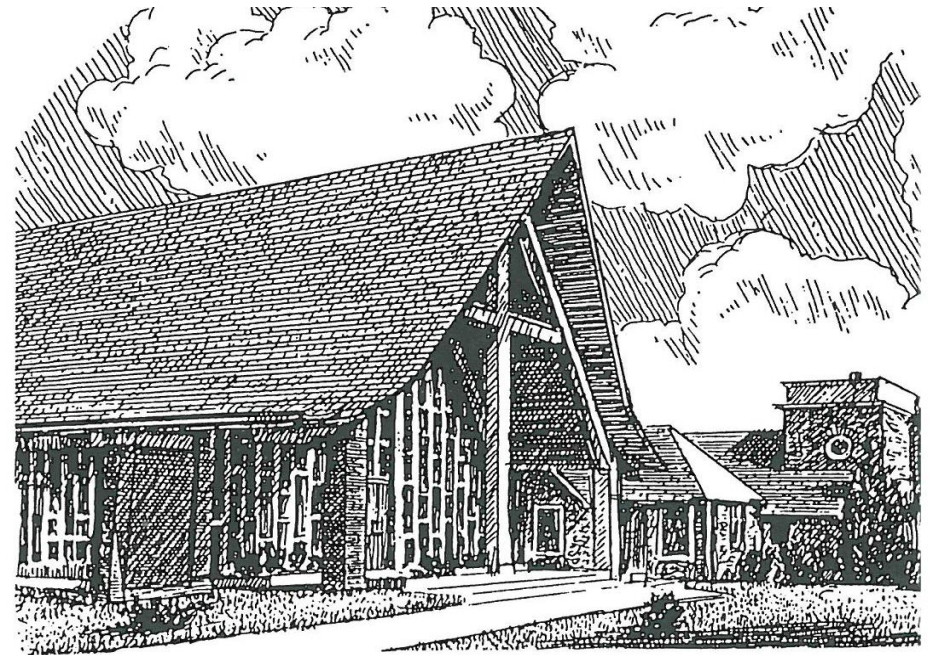
FLOWERS ~ Flowers on the altar are given today by Diane Ribustello in celebration of her grandson Jack’s fifth birthday on September 23.

BIBLE STUDY ~ The weekly Bible Study (Gospel of Mark) will meet this Wednesday, September 18, at 1:00 p.m. in the Ungemah Room, when we will discuss Mark 9:2–29, “Faith Gets Difficult.” All are welcome to attend.

SEPTEMBER BOOK CLUB ~ Book Club selection is *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett. The Book Club will meet on **Thursday, September 19, at 10:30 a.m.**

“CRYING ON THE CAMINO” ~ **Sunday, October 6, 2:00 pm**, at the Old Stone: Stage performer, Celeste Mancinelli, has an extremely funny and deeply moving story to tell in this One Woman Show. Celeste’s show recounts her 200-mile walk on the Portuguese Route to Santiago de Compostela. “This piece is about minimalism and simplicity, self-reflection and honesty,” says Mancinelli, a veteran stage actress. “In sharing this piece my goal is to inspire others to take their own journey—to fully live their own Caminos.” Tickets are \$20 and should be paid in advance to the church office (see order form insert).

BLESSED BARGAINS THRIFT SHOP ~ **Grand Opening Thursday, October 3, 9am–2pm!** The Community Connections Team and Trustees have been busily working on converting rooms on the main floor to a lovely new thrift store over the summer. Donations will be gladly accepted prior to opening by appointment and then during store hours only. Please reach out to Barbara Doka (bdoka@optonline.net), Diane Ribustello (dianerib1121@gmail.com), or Joan Pandorf (jmpandorf@gmail.com) to arrange for donation drop-off and for information on how to get involved. *Volunteers needed to process donations and work in the shop on Thursdays and Saturdays.*



**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF FRANKLIN LAKES**

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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
Jesus’ love alive in the world;
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: *Dave Murray*

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

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