

September 22, 2024

10:00 A.M.

**Order for Our Worship of God**

(\*those who are able are invited to stand)

Welcome

Prelude "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" arr. Raney

Call to Worship

The Day is coming when the lion and lamb shall dwell together!

**The Day is coming when justice will roll down like a river!**

The Day is coming when there will be pain and sorrow no more!

**The promises of God spur us on toward love and good deeds!**

So let us encourage one another and worship our Lord Jesus Christ! Amen.

Opening Prayer

**God, you know our hearts, you know our innermost secrets. You know we have faith and trust, until we don't. Keep us in community even when our lives are filled with doubt. You know we have hope and joy, until we don't. Keep us near to you and one another even when our lives are filled with despair. Keep us on the journey with one another for we know you have created us to be in connection. We pray all of this with thanksgiving. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" No. 158

Passing 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 Hebrews 10:23-25

Children's Time

Choral Anthem "We're Building a Circle of Love" Larson

Sermon "Connection with Community" Rev. JongIn Lee

\*Hymn of Reflection "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" No. 557

Time of Prayer

The Giving of Our Offering

Offertory "Shall We Gather at the River" arr. Collinsworth

\*Presentation "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**God of hope and promise, may our gifts today help to create and sustain the kind of community that builds people up, brings people together, and sends them out to do good in your name. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn "Jesus, United by Thy Grace" (vs. 1-3) No. 561

\*Blessing

Postlude "We're Marching to Zion" arr. Raney

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

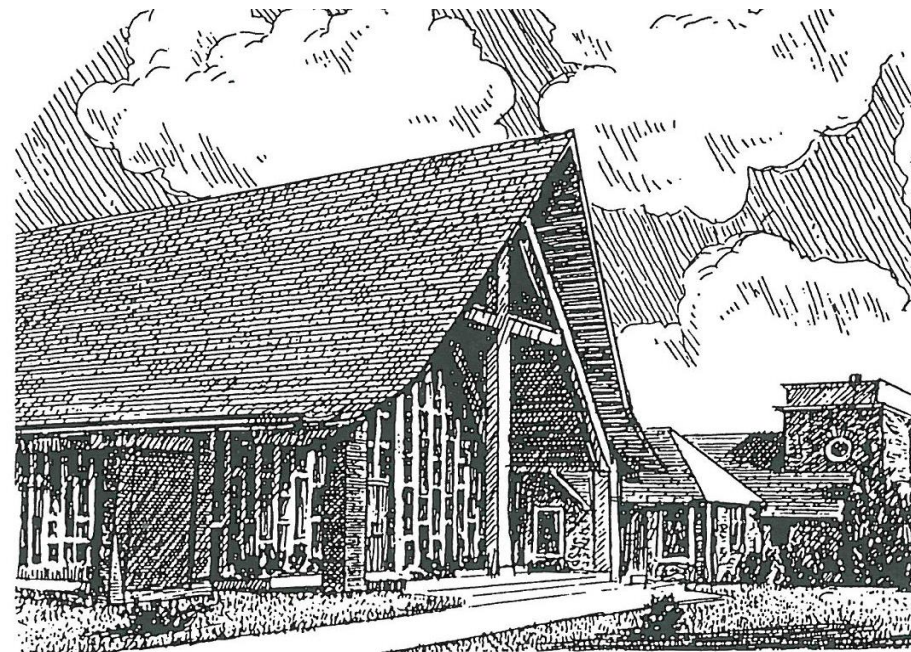
**PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE** ~ Rev. JongIn Lee, Pastor; Dr. Russell Wagoner, Director of Music/Organist; Pat Meyers, Liturgist. We appreciate them sharing their gifts with us as we gather to worship and praise God today!

**FLOWERS** ~ Flowers on the altar are given in celebration of her Pastor JongIn's birthday on September 25.

**BIBLE STUDY** ~ The weekly Bible Study (Gospel of Mark) will not this Wednesday, September 25. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 2 (1:00 p.m.). All are invited to attend.

**CHURCH FUNDRAISER: “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); *proceeds to benefit FLUMC.*

**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**

**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  
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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