

September 29, 2024

10:00 A.M.

Order for Our Worship of God

(*those who are able are invited to stand)

Welcome

Prelude “As We Gather” arr. Tornquist

Call to Worship

We come to worship, knowing the world is divided.

Prince of Peace, tear down the walls of separation.

Society makes us strangers and aliens.

Reconciling God, make us saints and members of your household.

We worship the Risen Christ knowing he is the firm foundation.

We worship Christ the Cornerstone! Amen.

Opening Prayer

O God of Peace, you allowed your body to be broken, so that all the people of the world might be made one in your love. As we worship, open our hearts that we may love everyone as Christ first loved us. Open our minds that we might understand the ways you unite us in community. Open our doors that we might build upon the foundation of Christ Jesus himself. We pray all this in the hope-filled name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*Opening Hymn “All Creatures of Our God and King” (vs. 1, 2, 5) No. 62

Passing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:11–22

Children’s Time

Choral Anthem “Reach Out to Your Neighbor” Copeland

Sermon “Connection Across Barriers” Rev. JongIn Lee

*Hymn of Reflection “And Are We Yet Alive” (vs. 1, 4, 5) No. 553

Time of Prayer

The Giving of Our Offering

Offertory “Bind Us Together” arr. Tornquist

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

*Prayer of Dedication

God who brings us close, use our gifts today to build up your household and grow us as a dwelling place for your very own Spirit. May we not be defined by who we keep out, but instead be defined by how we welcome each other, especially those we once considered strangers. Amen.

*Closing Hymn “Help Us Accept Each Other” No. 560

*Blessing

Postlude “Shine On Us” arr. Tornquist

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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; and Michele Newman, 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 by Jean and John McLennan in celebration of Kelsey’s and Kyle’s birthdays on September 27.

BIBLE STUDY ~ The weekly Bible Study (Gospel of Mark) will meet this Wednesday, October 2, 1:00 p.m. to discuss Mark 9:30–50, “Welcome to the War.” All are invited to attend.

OLD STONE MUSIC & COFFEE HOUSE ~ **Friday, October 4**, the group *No Time Lost* will be on stage at 8pm. Doors open at 7:30pm. \$10 cover charge includes entry and unlimited coffee, tea, and yummy baked goodies.

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. Tickets are \$20 and should be paid in advance to the church office (order forms in the narthex); *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 shop over the summer. Donations will be gladly accepted during store hours only. Please reach out to Barbara Doka, Diane Ribustello, or Joan Pandorf for information on how to get involved. *Volunteers needed to process donations and work in the shop on Thursdays and Saturdays.*

MY BROADWAY VALENTINE ~ Friday, October 18, 8–10pm, presented by Richard Koons and Russell Wagoner at the Old Stone and featuring standard love songs and Broadway favorites. **\$10 cover charge** includes entrance and unlimited refreshments (coffee, tea, soft drinks, and yummy dessert).

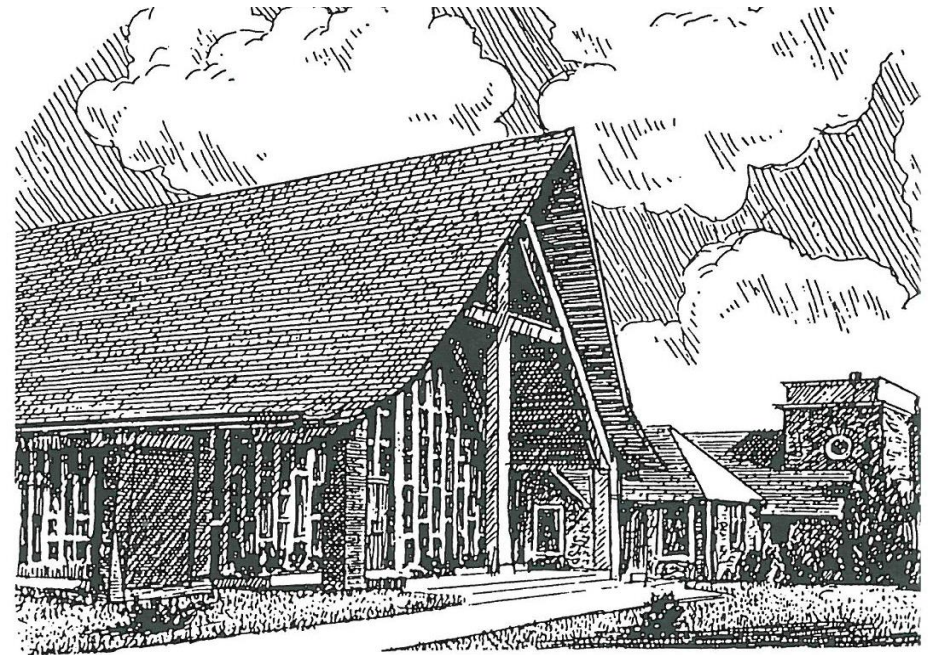
OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10 ~ On Sunday, November 10, we will have a special Open House event at our 10:00 worship service. We will showcase the many programs and activities that our wonderful church has to offer. We hope to promote our shared vision of a more compassionate and understanding community. Our goal is to have as many members and visitors as possible in the church on that date in an effort to revitalize our ministries. We can use help planning and preparing for this event to make it as successful as possible. Please contact Pat Andrews or Pat Meyers if you can lend a hand. Please save the date, plan to attend worship service, and bring someone with you on Sunday, November 10.

PASTOR: *Rev. JongIn Lee*
LAY LEADER: *Dave Murray*
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: *Dr. Russell Wagoner*
CHURCH SECRETARY: *Donna E. Mulder*
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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
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!***