

October 27, 2024

10:00 A.M.

## **Order for Our Worship of God**

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

Welcome

Prelude "Near to the Heart of God" arr. Innes

Call to Worship

L: Christ is calling you as disciples.

**P: Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully.**

L: Christ is calling you to grow as disciples.

**P: Teach us how to pray. Speak to us through your Holy Words.**

L: Listen for Christ's call to you.

**P: We are ready to serve the Lord. Amen.**

Opening Prayer

**Dear God, we ask that You would open our ears so that we may hear your voice. Open our minds so that we may receive Your eternal wisdom. Open our spirits so that we may know Your leading and guidance. And open our hearts so that we may receive Your wonderful love. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" No. 454

Passing 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 Readings Luke 6:12-19, 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Children's Time

Choral Anthem "Pray for Me" arr. Greer

Sermon "Committed to Christ 1: Prayer and Bible Reading" Rev. JongIn Lee

Commitment Moment

*The congregation is invited to bring their commitment card and place it into the covenant box.*

\*Hymn of Reflection "Sweet Hour of Prayer" No. 496

Time of Prayer

The Giving of Our Offering

Offertory "In the Garden" arr. Callahan

\*Presentation "Bless Thou the Gifts" No. 587

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Lord, we newly commit ourselves to grow in our prayer life and in reading your holy words. Teach us to pray, and speak to us through Scripture in the power of the Holy Spirit. From the abundant ways in which God has blessed our lives, let us share our tithes and offerings in joy and gratitude. Let them be used in ministries of your love and compassion through the work of this church in your world. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn "Take Time to Be Holy" (vs. 1, 2, 4) No. 395

\*Blessing

Postlude "Spirit Song/Spirit of God Descend upon My Heart" arr. Wyrzten

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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** ~ The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Diane Ribustello in celebration of her grandson Christopher's 2nd birthday.

**BIBLE STUDY** ~ The weekly Bible Study (Gospel of Mark) will meet this Wednesday, October 30, 1:00 p.m. to discuss Mark 11:1–33, “Jesus in Jerusalem.” All are invited to attend.

**ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE** ~ Our Church Conference will be on Tuesday, October 29, at 7pm via Zoom. Pick up your Conference booklet in the narthex.

**BISHOP’S DAY ON THE DISTRICT** ~ This event is planned for Wednesday, October 30, at Trinity UMC in Hackettstown at 7pm.

**BLESSED BARGAINS THRIFT SHOP** ~ The Thrift Shop is now open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 9am–2pm to shop and drop off donations. Please reach out to Barbara Doka, Diane Ribustello, or Joan Pandorf for information on how to get involved.

**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. Please save the date, plan to attend worship service, and bring someone with you on Sunday, November 10!

**LAYPERSON OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON** ~ On **Sunday, November 17**, following the worship service, there will be a luncheon in Fellowship Hall to honor **Jessica Doka** as FLUMC 2024 Layperson of the Year. There will be a Market Basket sandwich and salad buffet and, of course, cake! The cost is \$20/person. Please RSVP to the Church Office by November 10.

**PASTOR:** *Rev. JongIn Lee*

**LAY LEADER:** *Dave Murray*

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

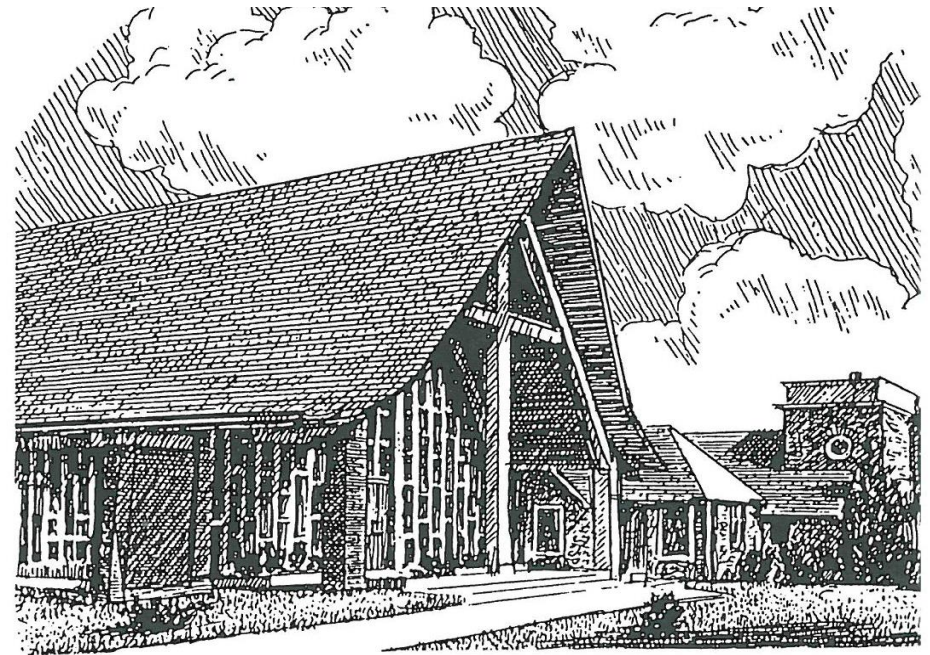
**CHURCH SECRETARY:** *Donna E. Mulder*

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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!*