

# WORSHIP TOGETHER

for the week beginning August 30, 2020



**Franklin**

United Methodist Church

*“...seeking to be a community  
where all can experience  
meaningful relationship with God,  
grow in Christ, and  
reach out in love to others;  
a community where  
all can love and be loved  
and be accepted  
as you are”*

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# our gathering

## Welcome

### Call to Worship

Voice 1: Celebrate God's grace!

**Voice 2: How comforting it is to know God always accompanies us.**

Voice 1: Approach God in awe!

**Voice 2: How amazing it is to consider that God has created each of us and each star in the heavens.**

Voice 1: Praise the living God!

**Voice 2: How good it is to sing praises together.**

### “Amazing Grace”

No. 378, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

#### 1.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

#### 2.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

#### 3.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
‘tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

#### 4.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be,  
as long as life endures.

#### 5.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
a life of joy and peace.

## 6.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

# our baptismal covenant

## Introduction to the Service

### Presentation of Candidates

Zoey Ariella Cadorette

### Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

*Since the earliest times, the vows of Christian baptism have consisted first of the renunciation of all that is evil and then the profession of faith and loyalty to Christ. After asking questions of the baptized and/or sponsors, the pastor addresses the congregation.*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church (gathered here and virtually), reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

## **Thanksgiving Over the Water**

*This prayer is led by the pastor and joined by the people. It recalls scriptural images and meanings of Holy Baptism and is comparable to the Great Thanksgiving at Holy Communion.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

## **Baptism with Laying on of Hands**

*In all services of the baptismal covenant, water is used generously as a living sign of the abundance of God's grace, cleansing, and life-giving power. When all candidates have been baptized, the pastor invites the congregation to welcome them:*

Now it is our joy to welcome  
our new siblings in Christ.

**Through baptism**

**you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit**

**into God's new creation**

**and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.**

**We are all one in Christ Jesus.**

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you  
as members of the family of Christ.**

## **Commendation and Welcome**

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love. As members  
together with you in the body of Christ and in this  
congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew  
our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of  
the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our  
service, and our witness, that in everything God may be  
glorified through Jesus Christ.**

*The pastor addresses those baptized, confirmed, or received, using an appropriate gesture of blessing:*

The God of all grace,  
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,  
establish you and strengthen you  
that you may live in grace and peace.

# our reading & reflection

## “Jesus is Lost”

*The Beginner's Bible* (Zondervan, 2005)

### Reflection

Pastor Jacob

## “God of the Sparrow God of the Whale”

No. 122, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

God of the sparrow  
God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creatures say Praise

2.

God of the earthquake  
God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe  
How does the creature cry Save

3.

God of the rainbow  
God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks.

4.

God of the hungry  
God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life

5.

God of the neighbor  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

## 6.

God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do you children say Home

# our thanks & prayers

## **Giving Thanks**

What are you thankful for today?

You are invited to share your thanksgivings silently, in the chat, or verbally.

## **Doxology**

adapted from No. 95, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above you heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **Praying Together**

You are invited to add your specific prayers silently, in the chat, or verbally following the prompts below.

Together let us...

pray for our world.

pray for our community and neighborhoods.

pray for our friends and family.

pray for ourselves.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

No. 895, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **Amen**

No. 2072 (Refrain ONLY), *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

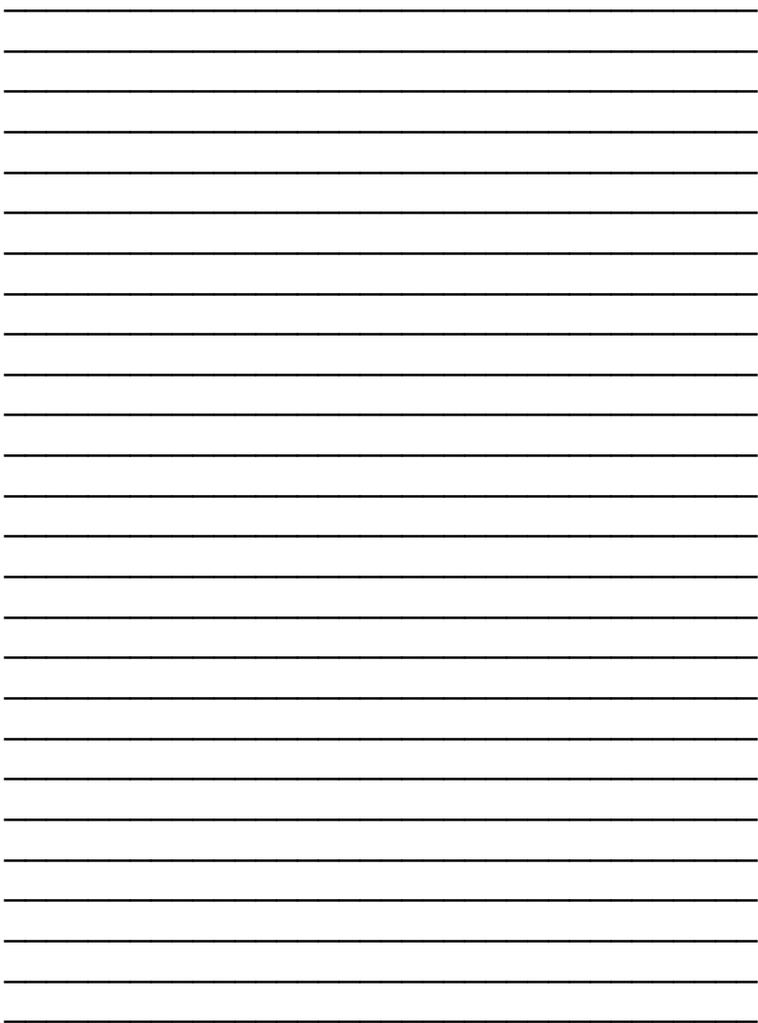
## **our sending** **Sending Forth**

*Thank you for joining us for worship!  
We look forward to seeing you again.*

*We hope you'll consider joining one of our small group (life together) gatherings  
to check-in with and encourage one another in the faith.*

*Details for joining these mid-week gatherings  
can be found on the backside of this bulletin.*





# LIFE TOGETHER

You are invited to gather (virtually) for a time of devotion, discussion, and checking-in with others on **Tuesdays and/or Thursdays at 7:30pm**. This informal gathering lasts between 30-40 minutes. Bulletins can be found on the church website. You can join this virtual gathering by going to

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