

WORSHIP TOGETHER

for the week beginning August 23, 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: Jesus said, Let the little children come to me...

Voice 2: We come, each of us, as a child of God.

Voice 1: Jesus said, Do not stop them.

Voice 2: We come to remove obstacles before children.

Voice 1: Jesus said, It is to such as these that the reign of God belongs.

Voice 2: We come to recognize that each child is already part of God's realm.

Voice 1: May we welcome children into our midst that they might teach us the way to God's reign and realm.

Voice 2: May we learn to value the presence and the voice of children in our midst

Voice 1: for this is where children belong.

“This, This is Where Children Belong”

No. 2233, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:

This is where children belong.

Repeat

our baptismal covenant

Introduction to the Service

Presentation of Candidates

Mason Adam George

Maggie Rose George

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 walk 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 and the Children”

The Beginner's Bible (Zondervan, 2005)

Reflection

Pastor Jacob

“Jesus Loves Me”

No. 191, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, “Let them come to me.”

Refrain

3.

Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live.

Refrain

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

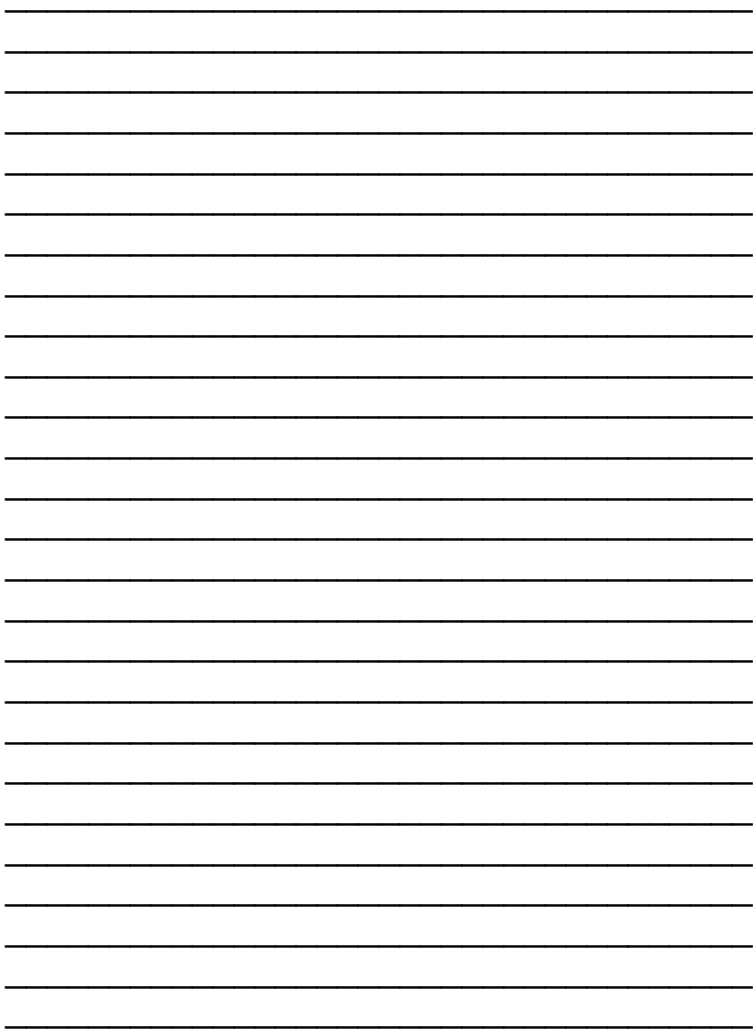
Sending Forth

Postlude

*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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