

WORSHIP TOGETHER

Sunday, September 19, 2021



*"...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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1-262-885-7027

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our gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord! Celebrate God's salvation.

From the core of our being we ask, "Lord, who could compare to you?"

God rescues the weak from those who overpower them. God rescues the weak and the needy from those who plunder them.

Come to us, Lord. Rescue us.

For we are loved like children by a God who cares for and comes to us.

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

No. 141, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

**Children of the heavenly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God his own doth tend and nourish;
in his holy courts they flourish;
from all evil things he spares them;
in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.**

our reading & reflection

Scripture

Matthew 7:21-23

Common English Bible

Reflection

**“We Are a Church: where all can experience
meaningful relationship with God ”**

Pastor Jacob

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”

No. 528, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
yet in my dreams I'd be
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;
all that thou sendest me, in mercy given;
angels to beckon me
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,
out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
so by my woes to be
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,
still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

our thanks & prayers

Giving Thanks

Voice 1: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Voice 1: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: We lift them up to the Lord.

Voice 1: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Cong: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Voice 1: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God...

Voice 2: Heaven and earth are full of your glory, O God. Your blessings overflow. Help us to recognize and name those blessings now:

Make sure to unmute yourself, if you're worshipping virtually. You can also offer your thanks by typing in the chat. If you're in-person in-the-sanctuary and would like to share, please wait for an usher to hand you a microphone. All of this will make it possible for everyone to hear.

Praying Together

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

Together let us pray for our world.

Together let us pray for our community and neighborhoods.

Together let us pray for our friends and families.

Together let us pray for ourselves.

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

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.**

our offering

All are invited forward to light a candle and give their offering by handing in the "My Offering Form" in the offering plate or by filling it out online at franklinumc.org/offering.

Offertory Response

"In Gratitude and Humble Trust," No. 544, *Voices United* (1996)

TUNE: Forest Green (No. 152, *The United Methodist Hymnal*)

**In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.**

our sending

Witness & Blessing

Benediction Hymn

No. 3182, *Worship & Song* (2011)

**O Lord, now let your servants depart in peace,
According to your gracious word.
Our eyes have seen the glory of salvation
Prepared for all the people of the world.
Now may the Lord bless you and keep you
And make his face to shine upon you;
And may God lift his countenance upon you
And give you blessed peace for now and evermore.**

Depart

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

To view the church calendar, go to franklinumc.org/calendar.

Midweek Discussion w/ Pastor Jacob

Join Pastor Jacob on **Wednesday at 7pm** as we discuss upcoming readings and themes for Sunday worship. This group meets in-person in the vestry *and* virtually.

Virtual participants can join the gathering by going to <https://meet.google.com/txp-ndfa-ivu>) or by calling 1-440-467-1448, the PIN is 220 679 745#.

Community Cookout

Join the Franklin United Methodist Church for a **FREE Community Cookout on September 25 from 5:30-7pm**. Burgers, hotdogs, chips, and lemonade will be provided. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit in the garden and grassy lot behind the church and enjoy the company of your neighbors.

Harvest Festival

Franklin United Methodist Church and its ministry partners, Tri-Valley Inc. (Meals on Wheels) and Aprende Spanish Immersion will have a booth at this year's Harvest Festival on **October 2**. Volunteers are needed to setup, staff, and teardown the booth. We need at least two persons for three different two hour shifts (11:30a-1:30p, 1:30-3:30p, and 3:30-5:30p). If you would like to help, please contact Pastor Jacob (jacob@franklinumc.org).

Book Club

The Book Club meets monthly on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. The Book Club will meet (virtually) on **October 11 at 7pm**. We will be reading *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides .

Trunk or Treat

Franklin United Methodist Church is organizing a Trunk or Treat for **Saturday, October 30 from 4-6p**. We need volunteers to decorate their trunks and handout candy. We also need volunteers to help setup, teardown, and grill "hallo-weiners." If you would like to help, please contact Pastor Jacob (jacob@franklinumc.org).

Thank you for joining us for worship!

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**All of us are ministers
called to share God's love and grace
with our community and world!**