WORSHIP TOGETHER Sunday, October 24, 2021

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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This service is being live-streamed and recorded to



our gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the LORD! Praise God's name! Tell the whole world what God has done--

God's mighty acts on our behalf. Sing to the LORD,

for God has done wonderful things for us!
Raise your hearts and voices! shout and sing your praise!
For great is the Holy One who lives among us!

"Now Thank We All Our God"

No. 102, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) CCLI #11179170

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

our reading & reflection

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Common English Bible

Reflection

"A Methodist Gives Thanks"
Pastor Jacob

"This Is My Father's World"

No. 144, The United Methodist Hymnal (!989)

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

our thanks & prayers

Giving Thanks

Voice 1: God 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: Blessed are you, God of all creation,

Source of all mercies...

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

"Lord of All God, We Bring Our Gifts to You," No. 539, Voices United (1996) TUNE: National Hymn (No. 698, The United Methodist Hymnal)

Lord of all good, we bring our gifts to you, pledges of love and off rings of our skill; through them fulfill your purpose ever true as our whole life is offered to your will.

We give our minds to understand your ways; hands, voices, eyes to serve your great design; your flame of love has set our hearts ablaze; thus for your glory all our pow'rs combine.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows; Christ, by whose sacrifice our lives are new; Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows; we give ourselves in gratitude to you!

our sending

Witness & Blessing

Benediction Hymn Go in Peace, Walk in Love

No. 444, Upper Room Worshipbook (2007)

Go in peace, walk in love, gentle Shepherd, guide us. Through the calm, through the storm, Shepherd walk beside us.

Go in peace, walk in love, Spirit wings enfold us. Holy Dove, keep us safe; Strengthen and uphold us.

Go in peace, walk in love. May your path be pleasant till we meet, meet again. God is ever present.

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#.

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).

Thanksgiving Basket Collection

The church will again participate in the Franklin Food Pantry's Thanks-giving Food Baskets. The Interfaith Council is coordinating this effort. We are asked to donate 75-"12oz bags of **Dunkin Donuts Medium Roast Ground Coffee**." The brand and bag size are important. All items should be to the church by Sunday, October 31. All extras will be donated to the Food Pantry. There are collection baskets set up in the front pews. There will also be a donation basket set up at the Trunk Or Treat.

Charge Conference

The Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday October 31st after the service. More details to come.

Book Club

The Book Club meets monthly on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. The Book Club will meet (virtually) on **November 8 at 7pm**. We will be reading *We Begin At The End* by Chris Whitaker .

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!