WORSHIP TOGETHER Sunday, November 14, 2021

Franklin
United Methodist Church

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where all can experience
meaningful relationship with God,
grow in Christ, and
reach out in love to others;
a community where
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and be accepted
as you are"

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Please keep yourself muted when you are not sharing in the discussion.

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This service is being live-streamed and recorded to



our gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship

O let us give thanks to the Lord, For the love of God will never end. Let we who love God be unashamed to declare it. Because God has answered our cries for help. The Lord our God has met our every need, We will therefore proclaim the love of the Lord!

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

No. 92, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) CCLI #11179170

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light; Refrain

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight; Refrain

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain) Refrain

For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love; (Refrain)

Refrain

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given, for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

Refrain

our reading & reflection

Scripture Psalm 107:1-2a, 42-43

Common English Bible

Reflection

"Thank You Cards"
Pastor Jacob

"Count Your Blessings"

https://hymnary.org/text/when_upon_lifes_billows_you_are_tempest

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, Count your many blessings, name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Refrain:

Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your blessings, see what God hath done; Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?

Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?

Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly,

And you will be singing as the days go by.

When you look at others with their lands and gold, Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold; Count your many blessings, money cannot buy Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

Refrain

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small, Do not be discouraged, God is over all; Count your many blessings, angels will attend, Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

Refrain

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.

The presider gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

Voice 1: And so, we come today to offer our thanks to you, O God, for

your steadfast love, to thank you for your continued presence, and to bear witness to the blessings we see and recognize in our lives

as individuals and as a community.

Voice 2: Heaven and earth are full of your glory, O God.

Your blessings overflow. Help us to recognize

and name those blessings now:

You are invited to share the things you are thankful for. 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.

After all have shared, the presider continues the thanksgiving and invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit.

Voice 1: Until that time, O God, lead us and guide us to walk in your Way as we pray.

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

Voice 2: 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

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

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," No. 95, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

our sending

Witness & Blessing

Benediction Hymn

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing," No. 671, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989)

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for thy gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound; ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

Depart

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

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

Commitment Cards

On Sunday, October 31, Franklin UMC officially adopted an updated vision statement which states: *The Franklin United Methodist Church seeks to be a community where all can experience meaningful relation-ship 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.*

The financial resources to implement this come primarily from individuals like you. Please prayerfully consider the contribution you can make to the realization of our vision through your financial giving in 2022. You can make your commitment online or by placing a paper commitment card in the offering plate or returning it to the church office. We ask that commitments be made by *November 21, 2021*. If you did not receive a paper commitment card in the mail and you'd like one, please contact the Church Office and we will mail you one.

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#.

Poinsettia Order

On Christmas Eve we will have our sanctuary decorated with poinsettias. These flowers can be purchased and dedicated "In Memory of..." or "In Honor of..." . There will be a list of honoraria and memorials included in the Christmas eve bulletin. Each poinsettia is \$20 and can be ordered through Sunday November 28th. Order info can be found at the bottom of the "My Offering" sheet. Please see Dawn Harlow with any questions.

Thanksgiving Basket Collection

Thank you to all who donated. We surpassed our goal! Coffee has been delivered to the Food Pantry.

Book Club

The Book Club meets monthly on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. The Book Club will meet (virtually) on **December 13 at 7pm**.

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!