

WORSHIP TOGETHER

Sunday, November 21, 2021



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as you are"*

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our gathering

Prelude

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

Make known God's deeds among the peoples!

God blesses us with gifts of love:

with food and clothing, home and family.

God blesses us with daily work:

and all we need from day to day.

God protects us in time of danger:

and guards us from every evil.

God calls us into relationship with him:

**and forms us into one holy people,
the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.**

Therefore shall we offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

"Let All Things Now Living"

No. 2008, *The Faith We Sing* (2001) CCLI #11179170

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving

To God the creator triumphantly raise.

Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,

Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.

God's banners fly o'er us, God's light goes before us,

A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.

Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished

As forward we travel from light into light.

The law God enforces, the stars in their courses

And sun in its orbit obediently shine;

The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,

The deeps of the ocean proclaim the divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;

With glad adoration a song let us raise

Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:

"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

our thanks-giving

I. Word of Thanksgiving for The Good Earth

(food, water, trees, air, beach, meadows, mountains)

HYMN: "FOR BEAUTY OF MEADOWS"

For the beauty of meadows, for grandeur of trees,
For flowers of woodlands, for creatures of seas,
For all You created and gave us to share,
We praise You, Creator, extolling Your care.

As stewards of beauty received at Your hand,
As creatures who hear Your most urgent command,
We turn from our wasteful destruction of life,
Confessing our failures, confessing our strife.

Teach us once again to be gardeners in peace;
All nature around us is ours but on lease;
Your name we would hallow in all that we do,
Fulfilling our calling, creating with You.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Rauschenbusch, 1861-1918)

II. Word of Thanksgiving for Citizenship and Freedom

(country, democracy, peace and international neighbors)

HYMN: "THIS IS MY SONG,"

No. 437, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

This is my song O God of all the nations
A song of peace for lands afar and mine
This is my home the country where my heart is
Here are my hopes my dreams my holy shrine
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine
But other lands have sunlight too and clover
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine
O hear my song Thou God of all nations
A song of peace for their land and for mine

This is my prayer O Lord of all earth's kingdoms
Thy kingdom come on earth Thy will be done
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him
And hearts united learn to live as one
O hear my prayer Thou God of all nations
Myself I give Thee let Thy will be done

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

("For Our Country" by George Lyman Locke from the 1928 *Book of Common Prayer*)

III. Word of Thanksgiving for Institutional Involvements (*work, service organizations, schools*)

HYMN: "FOR THE FRUITS OF THIS CREATION"

No. 97, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989)

For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God;
for good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

("Let us Thank God for Hard Work and for the People Who Do It"
from *Theology of Work Project*)

IV. Word of Thanksgiving for Interpersonal Relationships (*family, friends, diversity, new acquaintances*)

HYMN: "FOR ALL THE BLESSINGS OF THE YEAR,"

No. 525, The Methodist Hymnal (1964)

For all the blessings of the year,
For all the friends we hold so dear,
For peace on earth, both far and near, We thank Thee, Lord.

For life and health, those common things,
Which every day and hour brings,
For home, where our affection clings, We thank Thee, Lord.

For love of Thine, which never tires,
Which all our better thought inspires,
And warms our lives with heavenly fires, We thank Thee, Lord.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

V. Word of Thanksgiving for Spiritual Resources

(faith, Franklin United Methodist Church, scripture, music, the saints (living and triumphant))

HYMN: "IN UNITY WE LIFT OUR SONG,"

No. 2221, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

**In unity we lift our song of grateful adoration,
For brothers brave and sisters strong. What cause for celebration!
For those whose faithfulness has kept us through distress,
Who've shared with us our plight, who've held us in the night,
The blessed congregation.**

**For stories told and told again to every generation,
To give us strength in times of pain, to give us consolation.
Our spirits to revive to keep our dreams alive,
When we are far from home and evil seasons come;
How firm is our foundation.**

**For sacred scriptures handed down, a blessed trust and treasure,
Which give us hope when hope is gone and make us weep with pleasure.
And when our eyes grow blind and death is close behind,
We shall recite them still whose words our hearts can fill
With hope beyond all measure.**

**For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the Giver.
Our strength, our guide, our nurturing breast whose hand will yet deliver.
Who keeps us till the day when night shall pass away,
When hate and fear are gone and all our work is done,
And we shall sing forever.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (BY RACHEL WOJO)

Reception of New Members

Susan Read

**Turn to page 48 in the United Methodist Hymnal
for the commendation and welcome**

our offering and commitments

Prayer of Thanksgiving

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (verses 1-3)

No. 89, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

our sending

Benediction

“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

Thank You For joining us for worship!

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

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 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.*

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.

Midweek Discussion w/ Pastor Jacob

There will be no midweek discussion on Wednesday, November 24 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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.

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**.