# WORSHIP TOGETHER Sunday, November 28, 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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# our gathering

#### Welcome

#### Prelude

## **Call to Worship**

Something stirs deep within us-a longing, a hope,

A thirst for joy, a hunger for peace, a yearning for blessing. We know deep within that our hopes and fears

Will be met by angel songs and baby sighs.

It is Advent—

Season of waiting, hoping, yearning.

Advent-

Time to go home.

#### "Gather Us In"

No. 2236, The Faith We Sing (2001) CCLI #11179170

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away, see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in - the lost and forsaken, gather us in - the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry; we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven light-years away, but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

# reflect

Scripture Jeremiah 33:14-16 & Luke 21:25-36 Common English Bible

#### Wreath Lighting

"Light One Candle" vs. 1, CCLI#11179170

Light one candle for hope, One bright candle for hope, Christ brings hope to every heart, He comes, He come.

> Reflection "Time to Go Home" Pastor Jacob

#### "A Place at the Table"

No. 3149, Worship & Song (2011) CCLI #11179170

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain: And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy! For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair. [Refrain]

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong. [Refrain]

For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive, in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live. [Refrain]

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free. [Refrain]

# respond

#### **Concerns and Prayers**

You are invited to add your concerns, prayers, and thanksgivings to God during this time of prayer together.

#### Lord's Prayer

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.

# Offering

### Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

#### Prayer

#### "Wounded World that Cries for Healing"

No. 2177, The Faith We Sing (2001) CCLI #11179170

Wounded world that cries for healing here we hold each other's pain, wounded systems, bruised and bleeding bear the load, the scars of strain; dollars ration out compassion, hard decisions rule the day, Jesus of the healing Spirit, free us to another way!

Through our nation's spent frustration, through the corridors of stress may there move a kindlier wisdom all may feel, and all may bless; tax and tithe are for a purpose shared to shield the poor and weak; past the symptoms of our sickness let the voice of justice speak.

Honor those whose loving spirit nurses hope, restores and heals, towel and basin used in service like the Christ who comes and kneels; in the tending, in the mending may we see the right and fair, in our common quest of wholeness heal each other by our care.

# go

Sending

Postlude

# **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 <u>https://</u> <u>meet.google.com/txp-ndfa-ivu</u>) or by calling 1-440-467-1448, the PIN is 220 679 745#.

## Poinsettia Order Due Today

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**. We will be reading *Mermaid Tears* written by our own Susan Read.

# Family (Pop-up) Christmas Pageant

Join the Franklin United Methodist Church for a Family (Pop-up) Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve, **December 24, at 5pm**. We will sing Christmas Carols while our esteemed pageant directors pick the cast from those in attendance in order to set the nativity scene. Everyone will have a part to play. Everyone can be a star!

This service will occur in-person in-the-sanctuary, in-person virtually using Google Meet, and live-streamed via YouTube. All are welcome.

### **Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols**

Join the Franklin United Methodist Church for a traditional service of Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve, **December 24, at 11pm**. This service will include scripture, song, and communion. It will occur inperson in-the-sanctuary, in-person virtually using Google Meet, and live-streamed via YouTube. All are welcome.

# 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!