WORSHIP TOGETHER Sunday, December 19, 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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our gathering

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

Come, joy, lighten our spirits.

Come, hope, lift us up from despair.

Come, peace, ease our frantic worry.

Come, love, shine in all we do.

Come, Jesus, be born in us.

Come, Lord, set us free.

Come, God,

Rule in our hearts and teach us to sing with joy!

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

No. 196, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) CCLI #11179170

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

reflect

Scripture Micah 5:2-5a & Luke 1:39-45

Common English Bible

Wreath Lighting

"Light One Candle"

vs. 1-4 CCLI#11179170

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

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

Light one candle for joy,
One bright candle for joy,
Ev'ry nation will find salvation in Bethl'em's baby boy
He comes, He comes.

Light one candle for love, One bright candle for love, He brings love to every heart, He comes, He comes.

Reflection

"The Blessing of Home"
Pastor Jacob

"The Canticle of the Turning"

No. 18, The Upper Room Worship Book (2007) CCLI #11179170

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

Let the fires of your justice burn.

Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me;
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame
and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
For the world is about to turn.
Refrain

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.

Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.

The hungry poor shall weep no more for the food they can never earn.

There are tables spread, every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.

Refrain

respond

Concerns & Prayers

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

Tune: Veni Emmanuel

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

"Come Let Us Dream"

No. 3157, Worship & Song (2011)

Come, let us dream God's dream again. Come, one and all, let us ascend the mountain top where those of old saw God's new day on earth unfold.

The lame shall walk, the blind shall see, the doors swing wide, all prisoners free, the lowly raised, the proud brought low. This is God's dream: let justice flow.

When hatred ends and war shall cease, so all may dwell in deepest peace, then be assured the time is near when perfect love casts out all fear.

But know the cost of claiming sight of God's new day, of wrongs made right, for some have paid the highest price, their lives for us, a sacrifice.

Prophets are scorned in their own lands and martyrs slain by righteous hands; Though dreamers die the dream will live for we have yet our lives to give.

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Upcoming Events & Opportunities

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

Longest Night Service

Join the Franklin United Methodist Church on the longest night of the year, **Tuesday**, **December 21 at 7pm**, as we acknowledge the darkness of our grief, pain, disappointment, and fear and find hope in the light that the darkness cannot overcome--Jesus the Christ.

This service will occur in-person in-the-sanctuary, in-person virtually using Google Meet (https://meet.google.com/rbb-xprp-uqj), and live-streamed via YouTube. All are welcome.

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 (https://meet.google.com/ouk-zahh-jmv), 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 (https://meet.google.com/ake-mykk-sxf), and live-streamed via YouTube. All are welcome.

Midweek Discussion w/ Pastor Jacob

Midweek discussions with Pastor Jacob will not be meeting through the end of the year. We will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 5, at 7pm.

Most Wednesdays at 7pm, we discuss Sunday's scripture and themes. We meet for roughly an hour. Beginning January 5, we will meet in-person virtually ONLY. The link to join the gathering, will be published each week in the bulletin and on the church calendar.

Book Club

The Book Club meets monthly on the second Monday of the month 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!