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# Fountain of Grace

ASH WEDNESDAY

THE CUP OF FASTING

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# our gathering

Welcome

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

We come to worship today in search of living water.

**We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God's mouth.**

We come ready to turn towards the fountain of grace—

**We are humbled before God. We are loved by God. We are fed by God.**

We come not just to receive but to give, as the prophet calls:

**If we offer food to the hungry and provide for the afflicted, our light will rise in the darkness.**

Unison Prayer

**God of all creation, as we begin a season of reflecting on ourselves, move us to repentance. Let our self-reflection turn into self-giving so that, like Jesus, we can faithfully serve one another. Amen.**

## Scripture Reading

### Isaiah 58:1-12

*Common English Bible*

- Shout loudly; don't hold back;  
raise your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their crime,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.
- <sup>2</sup> They seek me day after day,  
desiring knowledge of my ways  
like a nation that acted righteously,  
that didn't abandon their God.  
They ask me for righteous judgments,  
wanting to be close to God.
- <sup>3</sup> "Why do we fast and you don't see;  
why afflict ourselves and you don't notice?"  
Yet on your fast day you do whatever you want,  
and oppress all your workers.
- <sup>4</sup> You quarrel and brawl, and then you fast;  
you hit each other violently with your fists.  
You shouldn't fast as you are doing today  
if you want to make your voice heard on high.
- <sup>5</sup> Is this the kind of fast I choose,  
a day of self-affliction,  
of bending one's head like a reed  
and of lying down in mourning clothing and ashes?  
Is this what you call a fast,  
a day acceptable to the Lord?
- <sup>6</sup> Isn't this the fast I choose:  
releasing wicked restraints, untying the ropes of a yoke,  
setting free the mistreated,  
and breaking every yoke?
- <sup>7</sup> Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry  
and bringing the homeless poor into your house,  
covering the naked when you see them,

and not hiding from your own family?  
<sup>8</sup> Then your light will break out like the dawn,  
and you will be healed quickly.  
Your own righteousness will walk before you,  
and the Lord's glory will be your rear guard.  
<sup>9</sup> Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;  
you will cry for help, and God will say, "I'm here."  
If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the finger-pointing, the wicked speech;  
<sup>10</sup> if you open your heart to the hungry,  
and provide abundantly for those who are afflicted,  
your light will shine in the darkness,  
and your gloom will be like the noon.  
<sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you continually  
and provide for you, even in parched places.  
He will rescue your bones.  
You will be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water that won't run dry.  
<sup>12</sup> They will rebuild ancient ruins on your account;  
the foundations of generations past you will restore.  
You will be called Mender of Broken Walls,  
Restorer of Livable Streets.

## **Silent Reflection**

## **Invitation to the Observance of Lent**

## **Imposition of Ashes**

### **Confession & Pardon**

**Maker of all, as we remember our humanity today, forgive us for forgetting the humanity of others. In our desire for help from you, we can become focused on ourselves and neglect the very things you care about. In this season of Lent, lead us in the way of repentance that is acceptable to you. May our prayers be matched by our actions and as we receive grace, so let us give it freely. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

### **Dismissal with Blessing**

# Upcoming Events & Opportunities

To view the church calendar, go to [franklinumc.org/calendar](https://franklinumc.org/calendar).

## Get Connected

The Franklin United Methodist Church uses Realm, an online database software, to better communicate with and connect people into the life of the church. It is simple and easy to use!

Every person in the church gets a unique profile. Your profile enables you to RSVP to events (including volunteer opportunities), track your giving, update your contact information, change your family details, and replace that outdated directory photo. And, most importantly, it allows the church to communicate better with you.

You can sign up to access your profile by going to <https://onrealm.org/FranklinUMC/Account/Register>.

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## Book Club

The Book Club will meet Monday, March 14, 2022, to discuss *Something in the Water* by Catherine Steadman. The Book Club meets virtually. The link to this meeting can be found on the church calendar and published in the church bulletin the Sunday prior to the meeting. 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!***