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Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

We come to hear the stories of God's faithfulness to past generations.

But we also look to the future as well as the past.

The God who was with forebears is with us as well.

Therefore we can look to the future with hope.

Whatever may change, whatever may fail, God remains faithful.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God!

Praise be to God!

"We Gather Together"

No. 131, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**

**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!**

**We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

pray

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

Collect

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.**

reflect

Psalm 78:1-7

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Reflection

Pastor Jacob

recognition of members

Eternal and loving God, today we give thanks to you for your goodness through all the years of worship and witness in this place.

For your grace in calling us to be your people, for your love revealed to us in Christ your Son, for your gift of the Spirit and the joy of salvation:

We give you thanks, O God.

For those who established this congregation, for their faith and vision, for their determination, ambition, purposefulness, and generosity:

We give you thanks, O God.

For those members who have been among us for 50 or more years—

Richard H. Esterly, Jr. (March 19, 1953, Rev. W.J. Cook)
Clarice Cargill (February 26, 1956, Rev. R.M. Durkee)
Sandy Saster Perez (March 22, 1959, Rev. J.T. Dahlquist)
Joyce Saster Bardol (March 22, 1959, Rev. J.T. Dahlquist)
Frank Falvey (November 29, 1964, Rev. J.B. Recob)
Linda Falvey (November 29, 1964, Rev. J.B. Recob)
Wayne Stobbart (April 3, 1966, J. Recob)
Jayne Abbott Mucciarone (April 3, 1966, J. Recob)
Debbie Bean (April 2, 1967, Rev. J.R. Uhler)
Thomas Cargill (April 21, 1968, Rev. J.R. Uhler)
Harry Cochran (April 6, 1969, Rev. E. Taylor)
Barbara Cochran (April 6, 1969, Rev. E. Taylor)
Lorraine Ray (November 23, 1969, Rev. E. Taylor)
Susan Winters (June 18, 1972, Rev. D. Glahn)
Donna Dunwiddie (October 22, 1972, Rev. D. Glahn)

For their witness and commitment to you and this church:

We give you thanks, O God.

For all, past and present, who have been members of this congregation,
For those who have given freely of their time and money,
For those whose wisdom guided our congregation:

We give you thanks, O God.

For all who have preached and taught here; For all who have confessed
here that Jesus is Lord; For all who today lead in worship, witness, and
service:

We give you thanks, O God.

Give us the assurance that we too belong to that great company, And
that we too may find the peace that passes understanding; Through Jesus
Christ our Savior.

Amen.

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

No. 557, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

**When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

give

Offering

Doxology

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.**

Prayer

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

No. 584, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Lord, you give the great commission:

“Heal the sick and preach the word.”

**Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.**

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:

“In my name baptize and teach.”

**That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community.**

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:

“This my body, this my blood.”

**Let us all, for earth’s true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us share your children’s liberty.**

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love’s true measure:

“Father, what they do, forgive.”

Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.

May your care and mercy lead us to a just society.

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:

“I am with you to the end.”

**Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.**

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Sending

The Peace

The peace of the Christ be with you
always.

And also with you.

Postlude

Thank you for joining us for worship!

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Allen Smith, Personnel Committee Chair
Rich Pokorny, Resource Committee Chair

***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.

The Pastor's Study

Virtual ONLY, Wednesday evenings 7-8pm. We spend our time checking-in with one another and discussing themes from worship. Often our discussion winds its way into the reflection on Sunday. Everyone is welcome. We are a pretty informal, conversational bunch. If you have questions about this group, don't hesitate to reach out. I hope you'll be considering joining us as you are able.

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Coffee & Prayer w/ The Pastor

Mondays at 10 am. We will meet in the church library. We will not meet on October 31. This is a hybrid group.

Thanksgiving Collection

This year we will be collecting 113 cans of cranberry sauce for thanksgiving baskets for the Franklin Food Pantry. All donated items need to be at the church by Sunday, October 30.

Trunk or Treat/ Hallow-einer Roast

Saturday October 29, 5-7pm. Come dressed in your costume, trick or treat and enjoy a free hotdog.

Brunch Church

Sunday October 30 Join us for worship in the fellowship hall where we will sing, pray, reflect and enjoy brunch together! You are invited to bring a dish to share. Table service, coffee, water, and juice will be provided. Join us as we commune with God and one another around the table.

Chili Cookoff

Sunday November 6th

Bring a crock of your best chili or come and vote for your favorite. Everyone is invited to be a judge. Come enjoy some chili, fellowship and the football game with us.

Book Club– NEW MEETING NIGHT

FUMC book club meetings will be held on the second TUESDAY of the month. November 8th reading: The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave

Conference Date

Our Church/Charge Conference has been scheduled for Thursday, November 10, at 7 pm. We will be meeting via Google Meet. All people are invited to the meeting. All members are encouraged to join the discussion and be part of the voting.