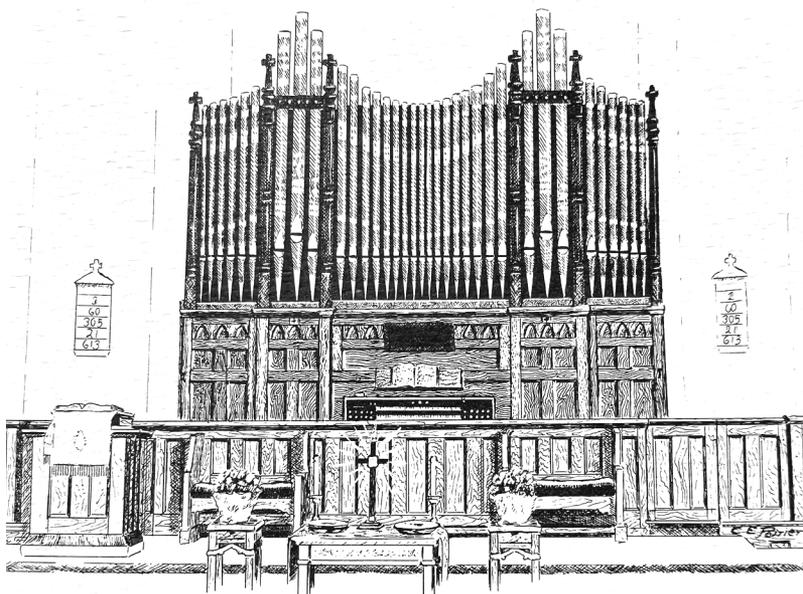


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



An Altogether Peace

ALMOST CHRISTMAS || NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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This service of worship is gathering in-person in the sanctuary, in-person using Google Meet, and streaming on YouTube.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

† denotes when you are invited to stand, as you are able

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In these darkening days,
 we come seeking peace.
We seek serenity within ourselves.
 We seek harmony within our families.
We seek goodwill among our neighbors.
 We seek a ceasefire among all nations.
We seek not just the absence of conflict,
 but the presence of shalom—
the abiding peace,
 the healing life,
the unrelenting justice,
 that God calls us to in Christ.
Let us worship with Divine hope.

SONG

“LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS”

No. 2197, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

1.

Lord of all hopefulness,
 Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like,
 No cares can destroy,
 Be there at our waking,
 And give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts Lord,
 At the noon of the day.

2.

Lord of all eagerness,
 Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands
were skilled at the plane
 and the lathe,
 Be there at our labors,
 And give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts,
Lord, at the eve of the day.

3.

Lord of all kindness,
 Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
 Your arms to embrace,
 Be there at our homing,
 And give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
 At the eve of the day.

4.

Lord of all gentleness,
 Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
 Whose presence is balm,
 Be there at our sleeping,
 And give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
 At the end of the day.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

After the scripture is read and the candle lit, the congregation prays together.

Lord God, we look to you to bring us true peace in a
world where peace seems far away. We hear your call to
us to be peacemakers within ourselves and in the world
around us, but we know we cannot find peace apart from
your grace. Prince of Peace, we wait for you. Come, Lord
Jesus. Be born in our midst. Grant us peace in our hearts
and lives. Amen.

RESPONSE

“COME AND FILL OUR HEARTS”

No. 2157, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
Alleluia!

REFLECTION

PASTOR JACOB

SONG

“WE BLESS THEE FOR THY PEACE”

No. 226, *The Hymnal of The Evangelical United Brethren* (1957)
TUNE: DOVE OF PEACE (No. 617, *The United Methodist Hymnal*)

1.

We bless Thee for Thy peace,
O God,
Deep as the soundless sea.
Which falls like sunshine
on the road
Of those who trust in Thee.
Of those who trust in Thee.

2.

We ask not, Father, for repose
Which comes from outward
rest,
If we may have through
all life's woes
Thy peace within our breast:
Thy peace within our breast:

3.

That peace which suffers
and is strong,
Trusts where it cannot see,
Deems not the trialway too
long,
But leaves the end with Thee:
But leaves the end with Thee:

4.

O Father, give our
hearts this peace,
Whate'er the outward be,
Till all life's discipline shall
cease,
And we go home to Thee.
And we go home to Thee.

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

CLOSING SONG “LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

No. 431, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

SENDING

THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

All are encouraged to share signs of peace and greetings through the congregation as they exit the worship space.

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME TO FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you find, in our community, a place to experience meaningful relationship with God, grow in Christ, and reach out in love to others. We hope that this community has been a place where you feel welcome, acceptance, and love. If you have questions about the church, or are interested in becoming a member of the church, please feel free to contact any of the leaders listed below.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

COFFEE COLLECTION

The Franklin Food Pantry will be handing out a “December Ham Meal” around Christmas. We are collecting donations of “Dunkin Donuts Original Blend Ground Coffee 12 oz. bags” or this distribution. Our goal is 60 bags of coffee. Donations must be at the church by November 30. If you have questions, please contact Chandra Juncker (chandra.bellamy@gmail.com).

ADVENT GIFT OF MUSIC

Join local United Methodist churches in our district “hub” at Carter Memorial United Methodist Church (800 Highland Ave., Needham) as we enjoy the music of Advent and Christmas. The service will begin at 10 am. We will enjoy a variety of carols, sung by representatives from each church, with a cookie feast to follow. If you have questions about this event or would like directions, please contact Pastor Jacob (jacob@franklinumc.org) or the Church Office.

COFFEE & PRAYER W/ THE PASTOR

Join Pastor Jacob on Mondays at 10am for coffee and prayer in the chapel. This small group meets in a hybrid format. To learn more and to get joining information, contact Pastor Jacob (jacob@franklinumc.org)

THE PASTOR’S STUDY

Join Pastor Jacob on Wednesdays at 7pm to discuss the book, *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2019). This group meets virtually ONLY. To learn more and to get joining information, contact Pastor Jacob (jacob@franklinumc.org).

BOOK CLUB (NEW MEETING NIGHT)

The Book Club has a new night—on the SECOND TUESDAY of the month. This group meets monthly to discuss a new novel. The Book Club will meet next on Tuesday, December 13 at 7pm and discussing *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley. This group meets virtually. To learn more and to get joining information, contact Linda Zardeskas (lindazee50@hotmail.com).

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on December 21st at New England Steak and Seafood, 11 Uxbridge Road in Mendon. (Route 16). Please call or email NancyBoates49@hotmail.com, 508-654-2833 by 10 am the day before if you plan to attend.