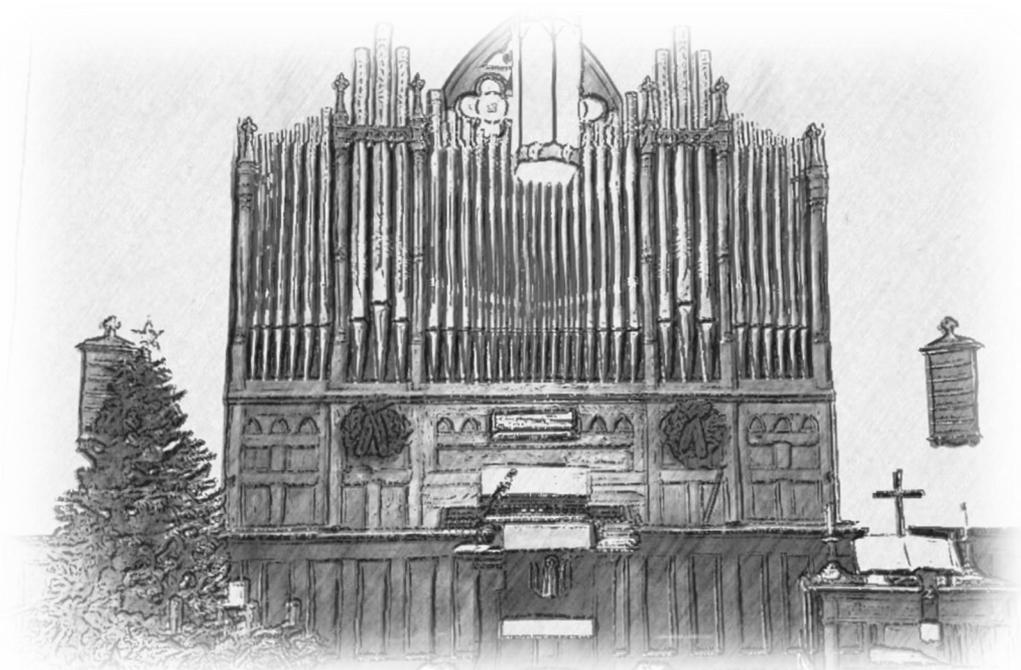


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Welcoming the New Year

NEW YEAR'S DAY || JANUARY 1, 2023

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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

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

A new day has dawned, a new year begun.

O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.

The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.

We enter this new year with hope and excitement.

**O Lord, remind us that You lead us. O Lord, guide us
as we look to You, and worship You. Amen.**

SONG

“THIS IS A DAY OF NEW BEGINNINGS”

No. 383, *UMH* (1989)

1.

This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love
is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.

2.

For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world
of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.

3.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring
step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt,
and grieving,
seeking new paths and sure to find.

4.

Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what
love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.

5

In faith we'll gather round the table
to taste and share
what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.

SCRIPTURE READING

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-15

SONG

“HYMN OF PROMISE”

No. 707, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

2.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

3.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

PSALM 90

PRAYER

SONG

“O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST”

No. 117, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!

2.

Under the shadow of thy throne,
still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4.

A thousand ages, in thy sight,
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch
that ends the night,
before the rising sun.

5.

Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide
while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

SCRIPTURE

ROMANS 8:35, 37-39

SONG

“O LOVE THAT WILT NOT LET ME GO”

No. 480, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths
its flow may richer, fuller be.

2.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze
its day may brighter, fairer be.

3.

O Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow thru the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

4.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground
there blossoms
red life that shall endless be.

PRAYER OF EXAMEN FOR A NEW YEAR

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

PRAYER

CLOSING

“ANOTHER YEAR IS DAWNING”

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal
TUNE: ELLACOMBE (“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” No. 203,
The United Methodist Hymnal)

1.

Another year is dawning!
Dear Father, let it be,
in working or in waiting,
another year with thee;
another year of leaning
upon thy loving breast,
another year of trusting,
of quiet, happy rest.

2.

Another year of mercies,
of faithfulness and grace;
another year of gladness
in the shining of thy face;
another year of progress,
another year of praise,
another year of proving
thy presence all the days.

3.

3 Another year of service,
of witness for thy love;
another year of training
for holier work above.
Another year is dawning!
Dear Father, let it be
on earth, or else in heaven,
another year for thee.

BENEDICTION

THE PEACE

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

POSTLUDE

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 & 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).

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on January 28 at The Railery in Franklin at the Village Plaza. Please call or email NancyBoates49@hotmail.com, 508-654-2833 by 10 am the day before if you plan to attend.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets monthly on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. The Book Club will meet (virtually) on **January 10 at 7pm**. We will be reading *Mailibu Rising* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.