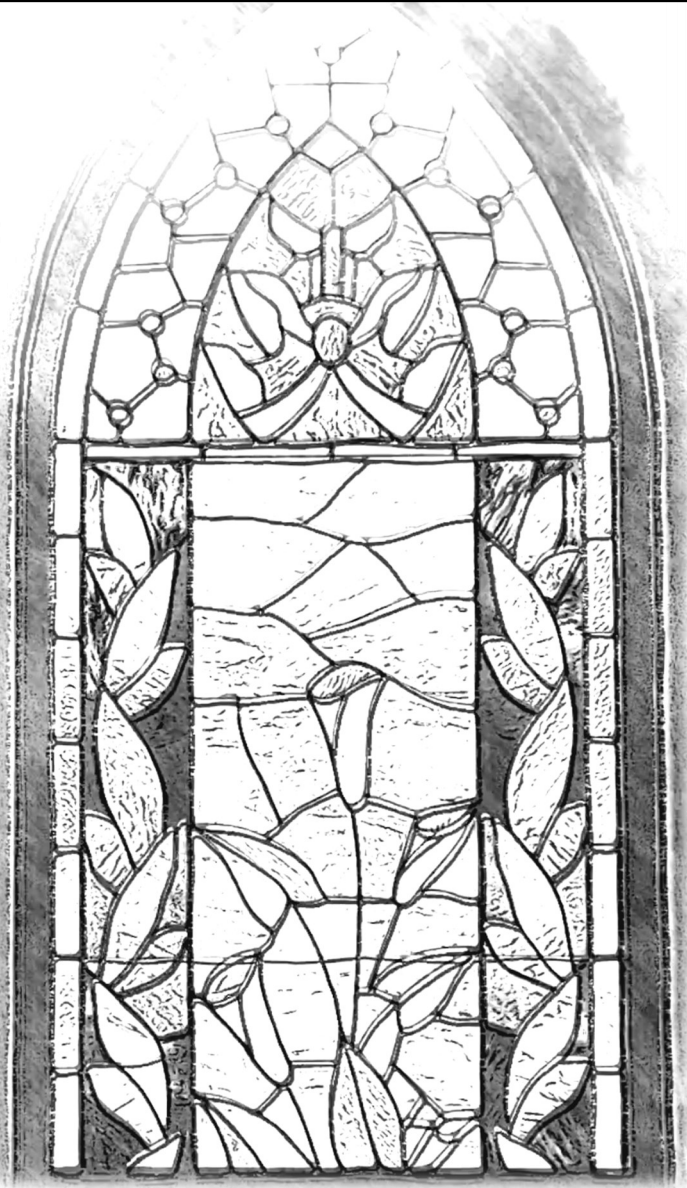


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



He Will Be There

EASTER SUNDAY || APRIL 9, 2023

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GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The dark night is behind us;
the morning light erased all darkness and doubt.

**All that remains is the empty tomb and
wrappings of pain and death.**

The Lord has risen; he's no longer among the dead.

He lives. The Lord *has* risen!

Yes, the Lord lives!

The new morning fills our hearts with joy and hope.

**Let us then worship together, extinguishing all doubt
and fear with joyful songs and an unbreakable faith
in our Redeemer.**

SONG

“CHRIST IS ALIVE”

No. 318, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring
His love in death shall never die.

2.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and dwell in every place and time.

3.

Not throned afar, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

4.

In every insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.

5.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Christ is alive.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

CONFIRM

Grace Makenzie Boroff

PROFESSION OF FAITH

No. 883, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God. We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

COMMENDATION & WELCOME

Members of the household of God,
I commend *Grace* to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase *her* faith,
confirm *her* hope, and perfect *her* in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you in the body of Christ and
in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church by our prayers,
our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

PRAY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ANTHEM

“BECAUSE HE LIVES”

Choir

REFLECT

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 28:1-10, 16-20

REFLECTION

“HE WILL BE THERE”

Pastor Jacob

SONG

“HE LIVES”

No. 310, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say;
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time I need him, he's always near.

Refrain:

He Lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today.
He walks with me, and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart.
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

2.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And tho' my heart grows weary I never will despair;
I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last. (Refrain)

3.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind. (Refrain)

COMMUNE

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again...

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
**all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and forever. Amen**

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.**

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

RESPONSE

“PEACE BE TO THIS CONGREGATION”

Words by Charles Wesley TUNE: PROMISE (No. 707, *UMH*)

1.
Peace be to this congregation,
peace to ev'ry soul therein, peace,
which flows from Christ's salvation,
peace, the seal of cancelled sin,
peace that speaks its heavenly Giver,
peace, to earthly minds unknown,
peace divine that lasts forever
here erect its glorious throne.

2.
Jesus, Prince of peace, be near us;
fix in all our hearts your home;
with your gracious presence cheer us;
let your sacred kingdom come;
raise to heav'n our expectation,
give our favored souls to prove
glorious and complete salvation,
in the realms of bliss above.

GO

SENDING

THE PEACE

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

POSTLUDE

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Inger Anderson in memory of my parents.
Linda & John Zardeskas in celebration of families.
Cathy Koch in honor of my mom, Clarice Cargill.
Alissa Rodenhiser in honor of my daughters, Eliza & Rhiannon.
Alissa Rodenhiser in honor of my mother, Susan Parlee.
Alissa Rodenhiser in memory of my dad, Robert Parlee.
Alissa Rodenhiser in honor of our mother, Cindy Rodenhiser.
Dawn Harlow in celebration of our grandson, Kai Snay.
Vickie Low in memory of my sister, Linda Low.
Vickie Low in memory of my mother, Eileen Low.
Susan Read in memory of my husband, Steve Cohen.
Nancy Boates in memory of Pail Boates.
John Milot in remembrance of Karen Milot.
Camille Remus in memory of our family members.
Lori Clements in loving memory of Sue Sherbo Crislip.
Lori Clements in loving memory of Stan Gloss.
Cynthia Croteau

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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John Milot, Chair of Resource Committee
Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

APRIL FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: PASTA
We will be collecting 1 lb packages of pasta for the Food Pantry. Donations can be placed on the table in the sanctuary.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet (virtually) on **Tuesday April 11 at 7pm**. We will be reading *The Dinner List* by Rebecca Serle. Joining information can be found on the church calendar.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at **noon on April 19 at the Chateau**, 466 King Street, Franklin. Please contact Nancy Boates (NancyBoates49@ hotmail.com, 508-654-2833) by 10 am the day before if you plan to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The next date for Sunday School will be **Sunday, May 7th during worship**. Children ages 4-12 (preschool—6th grade) will be dismissed during worship and will be returning to the sanctuary for communion. There is no need to RSVP or register.

The curriculum we are using is [Mini Revolutions from Illustrated Ministry](#). In addition to the (current) once-per-month class during worship at the church, we will be providing supplementary materials for persons who would like to use the curriculum for family devotions. Print materials will be made available each week at the church. We can also email you materials in a monthly packet, if you're interested in using them in your home.

If you are interested in volunteering as a teacher please see Inger Anderson or email at inger1210@aol.com.