

# FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Ten Plagues

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

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# GATHER

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Let us sing praises to our God and  
tell of all God's wonderful works.**

Glory in God's holy name... Seek the Lord and  
his strength; seek his presence continually.

**We remember the wonderful works  
God has done, God's miracles and  
the judgments God has uttered.**

## SONG

### **“O Worship the King”**

No. 73, *UMH* (1989)

**O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;  
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**

**O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.**

**The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;  
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

# PRAY

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### SILENT PRAYER

### COLLECT

### 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.

## REFLECT

### READING

### “TEN PLAGUES”

*The Beginner's Bible*

### REFLECTION

*Cal Durate*

## SONG

## “GO DOWN, MOSES”

No. 448, v. 1-4 & 11, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

When Israel was in Egypt's land,  
let my people go;  
oppressed so hard they could not stand,  
let my people go.

### Refrain:

Go down, Moses,  
way down in Egypt's land;  
tell old Pharaoh  
to let my people go!

"Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said,  
let my people go;  
"if not, I'll smite your firstborn dead,"  
let my people go. (Refrain)

No more shall they in bondage toil,  
let my people go;  
let them come out with Egypt's spoil,  
let my people go. (Refrain)

We need not always weep and mourn,  
let my people go;  
and wear those slavery chains forlorn,  
let my people go. (Refrain)

O let us all from bondage flee,  
let my people go;  
and let us all in Christ be free,  
let my people go. (Refrain)

## OFFERING

## DOXOLOGY

## **PRAYER**

### **SONG           “AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)”**

No. 3104, FWS (2001)

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That save a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.**

**‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear;  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.**

**My chains are gone, I’ve been set free.  
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.  
And like a flood his mercy reigns,  
Unending love, amazing grace.**

**The Lord has promised good to me;  
His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.**

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My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.  
And like a flood his mercy reigns,  
Unending love, amazing grace.**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below, Will be forever mine,  
Will be forever mine, You are forever mine.**

## **GO**

## **SENDING**

## **THE PEACE**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

# WELCOME TO FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

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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

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## NEXT COMMUNITY COOKOUT

**Saturday August 26 5:30– 6:30**

Burgers, hot dogs, chips & drinks. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

## BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet (virtually) **Tuesday September 12 at 7pm.** We will be reading *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan. Joining information can be found on the church calendar.

## LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at **noon on Wednesday September 27 at Longhorn Steakhouse in the Stop & Shop Plaza, West Central St, Franklin.** Please contact Nancy Boates (NancyBoates49@hotmail.com, 508-654-2833) by 10 am the day before if you plan to attend.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Held the first Sunday of every month. 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 please see Inger Anderson

## BLOOMIN 4 GOOD

FUMC has been selected again for the Franklin Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program for September. FUMC will receive a \$1 donation for every \$10.99 bouquet in the sleeve marked "Bloomin' 4 Good" purchased at the Franklin Stop & Shop location in September. For more information about the Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program, please visit [stopandshop.2givelocal.com](http://stopandshop.2givelocal.com).