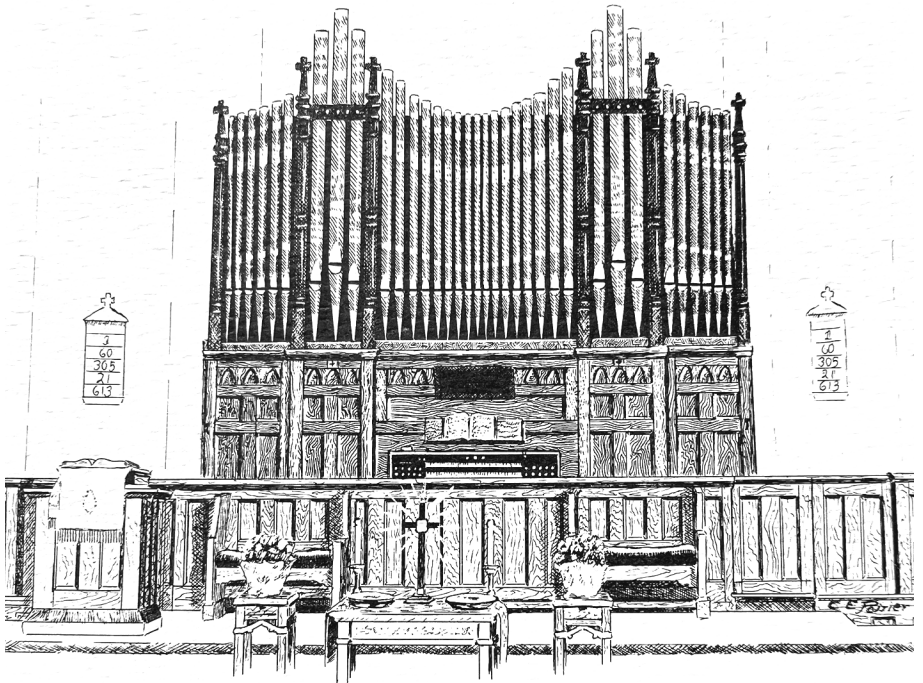


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



DEDICATED To Being One and Together

OCTOBER 8, 2023

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WELCOME TO FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

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

This worship aid, or “bulletin,” will guide you through this service, offering you a brief outline and instructions for the service along with the responses, prayers, and lyrics to the songs we will sing together. Congregational responses are typically **bolded**.

Please record your gift of presence and make your other offerings using the offering card included in the print bulletin. Online worshippers are encouraged to record their presence and offerings online at **franklinumc.org/offering**.

Financial contributions can be made in the offering plate (cash or check made payable to “Franklin United Methodist Church”) or online by going to **franklinumc.org/giving**.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has called us here.

God has led us to this place.

We come from difference spaces,

but are bound together here by Christ's love.

As we gather, O God,

knit and reconnect us together

Make us the church you've called us to be

**"one in love and one in worship—
children of eternity."**

SONG "FATHER, WE HAVE HEARD YOU CALLING"

No. 3150, *Worship & Song* (2011)

1

Father, we have heard you calling

to your church in every age;

for a sign of true devotion

for a sacrifice of praise.

In this place where you have brought us,

may we always seek to be

one in love and one in worship –

children of eternity.

2

Jesus Christ, our faith's perfecter,

priest and advocate above.

We would reach our broken nation

with the truth of your great love.

So transform our feeble witness,

may we always live to be

one in love and one in worship –

children of eternity.

3

Holy Spirit, fire of heaven,
fall upon us here today.
Bring release, bring tears, bring passion,
then transform your church, we pray.
As you pour your grace upon us,
may we always thirst to be
one in love and one in worship –
children of eternity.

4

Praise we bring to God the Father,
praise we bring to God the Son,
praise to God the Holy Spirit,
praise to you, the three in one.
Trinity of love inspire us,
may we always strive to be
one in love and one in worship –
children of eternity.

PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

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

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 17:20-26
& HEBREWS 10:23-25

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

SONG “ALL PRAISE TO OUR REDEEMING LORD”

No. 554, *The United Methodist Church* (1989)

1

All praise to our redeeming Lord,
who joins us by his grace,
and bids us, each to each restored,
together seek his face.

2

He bids us build each other up;
and, gathered into one,
to our high calling's glorious hope
we hand in hand go on.

3

The gift which he on one bestows,
we all delight to prove,
the grace through every vessel flows
in purest streams of love.

4

E'en now we think and speak the same,
and cordially agree,
concentered all, through Jesus' name,
in perfect harmony.

5

We all partake the joy of one;
the common peace we feel,
a peace to sensual minds unknown,
a joy unspeakable.

6

And if our fellowship below
in Jesus be so sweet,
what height of rapture shall we know
when round his throne we meet!

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER

SONG

“BEST BE THE DEAR UNITING LOVE”

No. 566, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

Blest be the dear uniting love
that will not let us part;
our bodies may far off remove,
we still are one in heart.

2.

Joined in one spirit to our Head,
where he appoints we go,
and still in Jesus' footsteps tread,
and do his work below.

3.

O may we ever walk in him,
and nothing know beside,
nothing desire, nothing esteem,
but Jesus crucified!

4.

We all are one who him receive,
and each with each agree,
in him the One, the Truth, we live;
blest point of unity!

5.

Partakers of the Savior's grace,
the same in mind and heart,
nor joy, nor grief, nor time, nor place,
nor life, nor death can part.

SENDING

THE PEACE

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

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

We hope that you found, 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

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet (virtually) **Tuesday October 10 at 7pm**. The group will be reading *The Light We Carry* by Michelle Obama. Joining information can be found on the church calendar.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at **noon on Wednesday October 18 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM AT MIGRANT SHELTER IN FRANKLIN

As you may be aware, the state is providing emergency shelter for migrant families at the Best Western Hotel in Franklin. All of them have children in the Franklin Public Schools who need after-school snacks, homework help, and fun activities.

We will begin offering this program one day per week, then expand as our capacity allows. We are waiting to hear which day will be best for the hotel's schedule.

All volunteers will be CORI checked and will have to complete abuse-prevention training, or show proof that they have already done so. If you think you may have interest in this program, please contact The Rev Kathy McAdams at St John's Episcopal Church to begin the process so we can hit the ground running when it's time: Rector@StJohnsFranklinMA.org or 857-237-9428

HOLIDAY FOOD PANTRY BASKET COLLECTION

The Food Pantry Collection for October will be boxes (eight individual packets each) of Swiss Miss Hot Chocolate. Our goal is 140 boxes. This collection is for the Thanksgiving *and* Christmas baskets handed out by the Franklin Food Pantry. The collection is coordinated by the Franklin Interfaith Council.

TRUNK OR TREAT & HALLOWEINER ROAST

Saturday October 28th, 5-7pm

Come dressed in your Halloween costume, trick or treat through the cars, and enjoy a free hotdog.