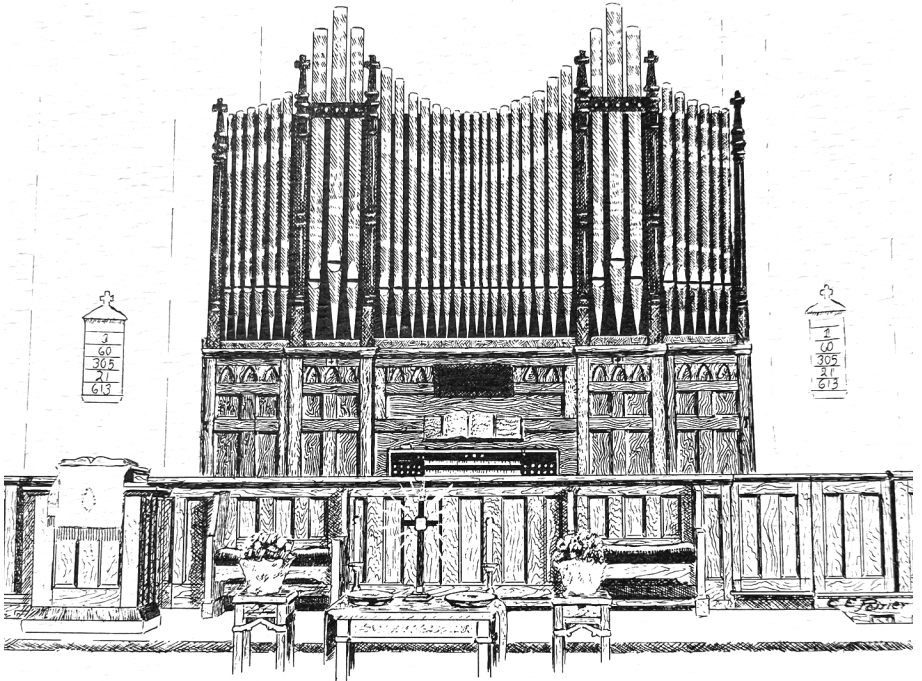


# FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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the glory of God

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# WELCOME TO FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

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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](http://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](http://franklinumc.org/giving)**.

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## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, God created all things and it was all good.

(Genesis 1)

**God is good.**

God's steadfast love lasts forever. God's mercies are new every morning. (Lamentations 3:22-23)

**God is good.**

God comes to us as one of us to show us how to walk the paths of righteousness and live in peace with God and one another.

(John 1:1-14)

**God is good.**

Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us. He is the way, the truth, and the life. (Matthew 1:23 & John 14:6-7)

**God is good.**

Let us sing of God's goodness and offer God all the glory.

**For God is, indeed, good.**

## SONG

### “SING OF THE LORD’S GOODNESS”

No. 3010, *Worship & Song* (2011)

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom  
Come to him and bless his name. Mercy he has shown us,  
His love is forever, faithful to the end of days.

*Refrain*

*Come then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,  
Melodies of praise and thanks to God.*

*Ring out the Lord's glory, Praise him with your music,  
Worship him and bless his name.*

Power he has wielded, Honor is his garment,  
Risen from the snares of death. His word he has spoken,  
One bread he has broken, New life he now gives to all.

*[Refrain]*

Courage in our darkness, Comfort in our sorrow,  
Spirit of our God most high, Solace for the weary,  
Pardon for the sinner, Splendor of the living God.

*[Refrain]*

Praise him with your singing, Praise him with the trumpet,  
Praise God with the lute and harp, Praise him with the cymbals,  
Praise him with your dancing, Praise God till the end of days.

*[Refrain]*

## 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

### PSALM 8

O Lord, our Lord,  
**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**  
Your glory is chanted above the heavens by the mouth of  
babes and infants:  
**you have set up a defense against your foes, to  
still the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
**the moon and the stars which you have  
established;**  
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
**and mortals that you care for them?**  
Yet you have made them little less than God,  
**and crowned them with glory and honor.**

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
**you have put all things under their feet,**  
all sheep and oxen,  
**and also the beasts of the field,**  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
**whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**  
O Lord, our Lord,  
**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**SONG****“HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME”**No. 2023, *The Faith We Sing* (1989)

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
 O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:  
 Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

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**SCRIPTURE READING****ISAIAH 43:1-12**No. 2023, *The Faith We Sing* (1989)**REFLECTION****SONG****“THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC”**No. 717, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
 he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
 he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;  
 his truth is marching on.

*Refrain:*

*Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!*  
*Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps,  
 they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
 I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;  
 his day is marching on. [*Refrain*]

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
 he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat;  
 O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
 Our God is marching on. [*Refrain*]

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
 with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;  
 as he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,  
 while God is marching on. [*Refrain*]

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,  
 he is wisdom to the mighty, he is honor to the brave;  
 so the world shall be his footstool, and the soul of wrong his slave.  
 Our God is marching on. [*Refrain*]

## OFFERING

## DOXOLOGY

## PRAYER

## SONG

### “HOW GREAT THOU ART”

No. 77, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the \*worlds thy hand have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the \*rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain:*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;  
[*Refrain*]

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin;  
[*Refrain*]

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!  
[*Refrain*]

## SENDING

## THE PEACE

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

## POSTLUDE

# THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

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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

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## **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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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.