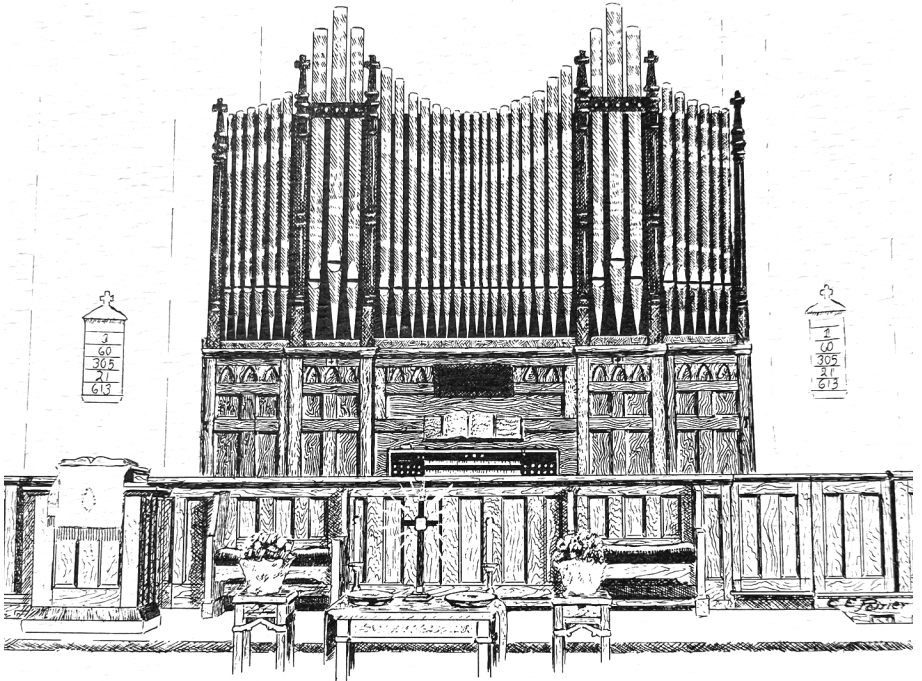


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



DEDICATED TO
the proclamation of the gospel

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WELCOME TO FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

This service of worship is gathering in-person at the church building, 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

We do not gather in vain, for God is working in our hearts.

The love of Jesus Christ calls us together.

Our worship strengthens and empowers us to share the gospel.

The love of Jesus Christ shines in our lives.

Proclaim the good news with boldness.

The love of Jesus Christ is at work in the world!

SONG **“LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING”**

No. 384, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-2
& 1 THESSALONIANS 2:3-8
New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

REFLECTION

SONG “WE’VE A STORY TO TELL TO THE NATIONS”

No. 569, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

We’ve a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

Refrain:

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.*

We’ve a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil
and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword.

[Refrain]

We’ve a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love.

[Refrain]

We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God.

[Refrain]

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER

SONG

“SENT OUT IN JESUS NAME”

No. 2184, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

Sent out in Jesus name, our hands are ready now
to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.

Sent out in Jesus name, our hands are ready now
to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.

The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O help us to obey and carry out your will.

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

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Join us after worship **TODAY** for a free ice cream social. T.C. Scoops will be on-site providing ice cream. Tables are setup in the vestry. All are welcome. This event is being funded by the Mission Fund.

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 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.