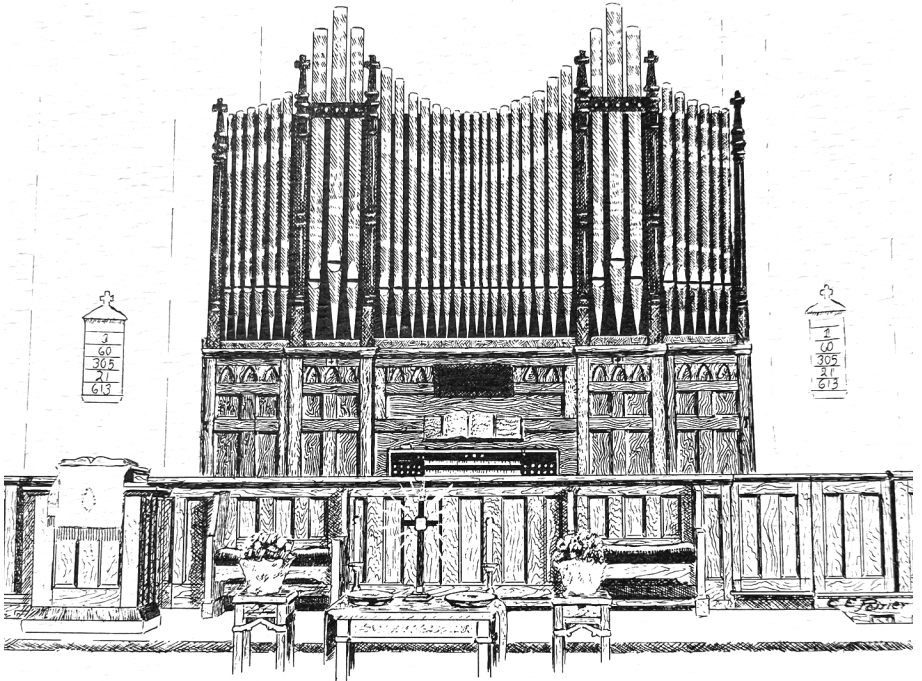


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



DEDICATED TO
the service of humanity.

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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 may come here for a glimpse of glory,

But Jesus asks us: “Can you drink the cup that I drink?”

The cup of Jesus’ own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope. Fullness of life!

We may come here to get close to Jesus,

And Jesus asks us: “Can you be baptized with my baptism?”

Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships!

We may come here for honor or fame,

But Jesus challenges us: “To become great you must serve!”

Why are we here?

To drink the cup of fullness of life; to immerse ourselves in Jesus’ struggle for justice and peace; to learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.

SONG

“THE EARTH AND ALL WHO BREATHE”

No. 155, *The Upper Room Worshipbook* (2006)

The earth and all who breathe exist through love divine,
who formed the sea, the flow’ring tree, the wren, the fragrant pine.
Each woman, man, and child created from the dust
is called to share creation’s care,
a sacred living trust.

The good, abundant earth is ours to tend and keep,
yet land lies waste, consumed in haste, and hungry children weep.
The nations proudly build new Babels to the sky.
Their bombs destroy creation's joy
their missiles terrify!

Creation now awaits humanity's rebirth
at last to claim one common aim: to nurture life on earth.
Awake, all humankind, the challenge now embrace,
apply your strength, your voice, your means,
as stewards of God's grace.

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

GALATIANS-5:13-15; 6:7-10

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

REFLECTION

SONG

“TILL ALL THE JAILS ARE EMPTY”

No. 177, The Upper Room Worshipbook (2006)

Till all the jails are empty
and all the bellies filled;
till no one hurts or steals or lies,
and no more blood is spilled;
till age and race and gender
no longer separate;
till pulpit, press, and politics
are free of greed and hate:
God has work for us to do.

In tenement and mansion,
in factory, farm, and mill,
in classrooms, church, and office,
in shops or on the street;
in every place where people thrive
or strive or hide or meet:
God has work for us to do.

By sitting at a bedside
to hold pale trembling hands,
by speaking for the powerless
against unjust demands,
by praying through our doing
and singing though we fear,
by trusting that the seed we sow
will bring God's harvest near:
God has work for us to do.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER

SONG **“THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE”**

No. 2241, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hop is dem, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like see
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.

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

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is a monthly gathering where people talk and fellowship over a meal at area restaurants. The next gathering will be at The Chateau, 466 King Street in Franklin, on **November 15 at 12 PM**. All are welcome. Please notify Nancy Boates by phone 508-654-2833 or email NancyBoates49@ hot mail.com by 10 am if you plan to attend.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club is a monthly gathering where people discuss a book. For November the Book Club will be discussing *The Paper Palace* by Miranda Crowley Heller. We typically meet on Tuesday night but we are changing this month only to Wednesday night which is November 15th at 7pm.

This will be a hybrid meeting. Cynthia will be hosting at 123 Dean Ave #3310 in Franklin for those who would like to meet in person. And we will be meeting online with this link: <https://meet.goto.com/richp/churchbookclub>. **You can also dial in using your phone** +1 (224) 501-3412 (Access Code: 789-141-869).

If you have any questions please contact Dawn Pokorny at 617-365-7047. Please let me know if you will be joining us in person or virtually ☐.

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.

EMERGENCY SHELTER HUMANITARIAN AID

The State of Massachusetts has opened an emergency shelter in Franklin for those persons who have entered the state and are in need of shelter. There are multiple layers of need that must be met in order for people to make a home and establish themselves here. If you'd like to know about the evolving needs and opportunities to donate and volunteer, please email info@franklininterfaith.org.