

FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Don't Let Your Love Grow Cold

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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 are longing and waiting for the Lord to be revealed.

The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon.

Let us live decent lives, bathed in the light of the Lord.

The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon.

We know not when the master comes: evening, midnight, dawn.

The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon.

SONG

“NOW IT IS EVENING”

No. 2187, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

Now it is evening: Lights of the city
bid us remember Christ is our light.
Many are lonely, who will be neighbor?
Where there is caring Christ is our light.

Now it is evening: Little ones sleeping
bid us remember Christ is our peace.
Some are neglected, who will be neighbor?
Where there is caring Christ is our peace.

Now it is evening: Food on the table
bids us remember Christ is our life.
Many are hungry, who will be neighbor?
Where there is sharing Christ is our life.

Now it is evening: Here in our meeting
may we remember Christ is our friend.
Some may be strangers, who will be neighbor?
Where there's a welcome Christ is our friend.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

p.895, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

**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

MATTHEW 24:1-14, 36-44

The New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

SONG

“JOY IN THE MORNING”

No. 2284, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
there'll be joy in the morning on that day,
for the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,
there'll be joy in the morning on that day.

There'll be peace and contentment evermore,
there'll be peace and contentment evermore,
every heart, every voice on that day will rejoice,
there'll be peace and contentment evermore.

There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,
there'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,
and the way of the Lord will that day be restored,
there'll be love and forgiveness everywhere.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

No. 95, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SONG

“JOY TO THE WORLD

No. 246, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns invest the grounds;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations rove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonder, wonders of his love.

SENDING

THE PEACE)

The peace of the Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*All are encouraged to share signs of peace and greetings
through the congregation as they exit the worship space.*

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.