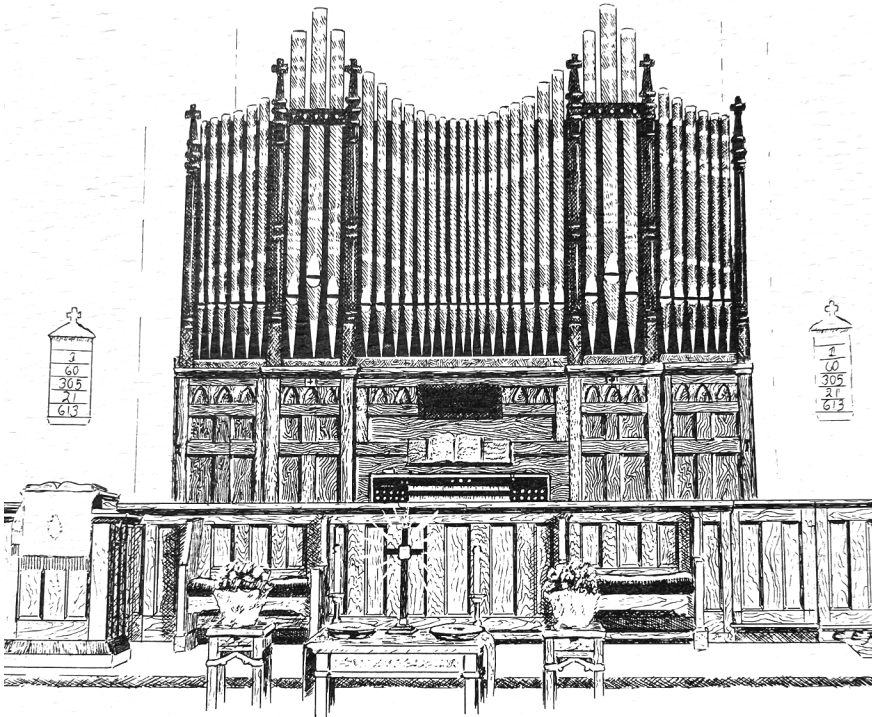


# FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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# WELCOME TO FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

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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](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 deep gratitude we come to worship God.

**We recognize God as the source of all  
goodness.**

All good gifts come from the Spirit of God;

**love, peace, joy, patience, kindness,  
gentleness are all of God.**

We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for  
who God is.

**We gather to show our gratitude in song and  
prayer.**

## SONG

### **“COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME”**

*No. 552, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989)*

Come, ye thankful people come,  
raise the song of harvest home;  
all is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin.  
God our Maker doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,  
fruit as praise to God we yield;  
wheat and tares together sown  
are to joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear;  
Lord of harvest grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take the harvest home;  
from the field shall in that day  
all offenses purge away,  
giving angels charge at last  
in the fire of tares to cast;  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in the garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
bring thy final harvest home;  
gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there, forever purified,  
in thy presence to abide;  
come, with all thine angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest home.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)**

#### **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 1 CHRONICLES 16:8-13, 23-34**

*The New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

#### **PSALM 100**

#### **(REJOICE IN GOD)**

No. 300, *The Upper Room Worshipbook* (2006)

Rejoice in God, all earthly lands,  
and lift your hands in song and prayer.  
Delight to live by God's commands;  
sing joyful praises everywhere.

Know this: we serve the Holy One,  
to whom our restless souls belong.  
We have our breath through God alone,  
to whom we raise our grateful song.

Like sheep we wander without aim  
unless our shepherd's voice is heard.  
In trust we call upon God's name  
for daily bread and gracious word.

On God, our Maker, we depend  
for love that's gracious, strong, and sure.  
God's faithfulness shall never end;  
from age to age it shall endure.

**EPISTLE READING**

**PHILIPPIANS 4:4-8**

*The New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

**REFLECTION**

Pastor Jacob

**SONG**

**“NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD”**

No. 102, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hand and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

**OFFERING**

**“BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES”**

Cathy Koch & George Remus

## 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

### “LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING”

No. 2008, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
who guides us and leads us the end of our days.  
God’s banners fly o’er us; God’s light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

The law God enforced, the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
To God in the highest hosanna and praise!

## 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!

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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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John Milot, Chair of Resource Committee  
Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

# UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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## CHURCH/CHARGE CONFERENCE

The annual church/charge conference for the Franklin United Methodist Church will be on **Sunday, December 3, following worship**. Our District Superintendent Rev. Nizzi Santos will be joining us for worship and conducting the meeting. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting, all professing members are encouraged to vote on the matters brought before the conference.

## 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, if you'd like to know about the evolving needs and opportunities to donate and volunteer, please email [info@franklininterfaith.org](mailto:info@franklininterfaith.org).

## 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 **Mak's (451 West Central St., Franklin), on December 20 at 12 PM**. All are welcome. Please notify Nancy Boates by phone 508-654-2833 or email [NancyBoates49@hotmail.com](mailto:NancyBoates49@hotmail.com) by 10 am if you plan to attend.

## BOOK CLUB

Book Club is a monthly gathering where people discuss a book. For December, the Book Club will be discussing *The Kitchen House* by **Kathleen Grisson**. The next meeting will be on December 12, at 7pm. The group will meet in a hybrid format at the home of Linda Zardeskas (1103 Old Bridge Lane, Bellingham), online (<https://meet.goto.com/richp/churchbookclub>), or by phone (224-501-3412, access code is 789-141-869).

## GET & STAY CONNECTED TO THE CHURCH

The Franklin United Methodist Church uses Realm, an online database software, to better communicate with and connect people into the life of the church. It is simple and easy to use! Every person in the church gets a unique profile. Your profile enables you to RSVP to events (including volunteer opportunities), track your giving, update your contact information, change your family details, and replace that outdated directory photo. And, most importantly, it allows the church to communicate better with you. To create and log into the database, go to [onrealm.org/FranklinUMC](http://onrealm.org/FranklinUMC).