

FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



The Letters of John Child, Conquer the World

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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**.

Prayer requests can be made by filling out the offering form enclosed with the print bulletins, or by going to **franklinumc.org/pray**. Confidential requests will be sent to the pastor. Non-confidential requests will be distributed to the Prayer Team.

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/give**.

To learn about ways you can volunteer, and sign up, go to **franklinumc.org/volunteer**. You can also sign up to volunteer by filling out the offering form enclosed with the print bulletins. All persons who sign up to volunteer will receive an email confirmation of your volunteer registration.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our victory.

The strong right arm of the lord has done glorious things! this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous to see.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

God's faithful love endures forever.

SONG "THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS"

No. 138, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 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 JOHN 5:1-5, 13-21

The New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

SONG

“I AM A CHILD OF GOD”

WORDS: *Mary Jackson Cathry*

MuUSIC: *Johann Cruger; harm. Felix Mendelssohn*

I am a child of God, the One who made and keeps me.
By God's free gift of love, God's child I always will be.
Forever I belong, I know that this is true;
and with my mind and heart, I trust and love God, too.

God's image is in us, the people of creation.
No matter where we live, we share a close relation.
God's covenant is sure, eternal word for all
who follow in God's way and answer to God's call.

God never turns from us, not even in our sinning.
God loves and waits for us to claim a new beginning.
By opening our hearts, we then prepare the way
for God's love to come in and guide us every day.

I thank God for that love and all the world around me,
the seen and unseen things, and promised things that will be.
Through worship, trust, and prayer, may I reflect God's will.
Let love be seen in me as I God's word fulfill.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

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

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

PRAYER

SONG

“WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL”

No. 549, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.

Forgive we now each other’s faults as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
Be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours His holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God’s begotten Son;
As members of His body joined, we are in Him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed, if honored be God’s name;
Our common life embraces all whose maker is the same.

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

NEW WORSHIP SERIES: THE LETTERS OF JOHN

We have started a new worship and discussion series on the letters of John. This set of letters is one of four general epistles (along with James, 1 and 2 Peter, and Jude) found in the New Testament.

Join us for worship (in-person at the church and via Google Meet on Sundays at 10am or streaming on YouTube) and discussion (in-person via Google Meet on Wednesdays at 7pm) as we reflect upon the nature of God, who Jesus is, what Jesus does, and who we're called to be as Christians.

If you have any questions about this series and/or would like to get the joining information for the discussion on Wednesdays, contact Pastor Jacob (jacob@franklinumc.org).

JANUARY COLLECTION

This month's Food Pantry item is **Baby Wipes**. Donations can be brought on Sunday's. At the end of the month all items will be brought over to the Franklin Food Pantry.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club is a monthly gathering where people discuss a book. For February, the Book Club will be reading "The Magnificent Life of Marjorie Post" by Allison Pataki. The next meeting will be on **February 13, at 7pm**. The group will meet in a hybrid format, online (<https://meet.goto.com/richp/churchbookclub>), or by phone (224-501-3412, access code is 789-141-869).

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 **Medway Café, Main Street, Medway on February 21 at 12 PM**. All are welcome. Please notify Nancy Boates by phone 508-654-2833 or email NancyBoates49@hotmail.com by 10 am if you plan to attend.

2024 PLEDGES

One of the ways we show our commitment and dedication to the work of Christ and the church is through our financial contributions. While our dedication cannot be measured by the amount we give, our dedication is reflected in our commitment to give. As such, we are asking everyone to consider making a commitment (a pledge) as a sign of their dedication to the church. Pledges can be made going to <https://franklinumc.org/dedicated/> and following the link. Paper pledge cards can be found at the entrance to the worship space and can be turned into the church office or offering plate.