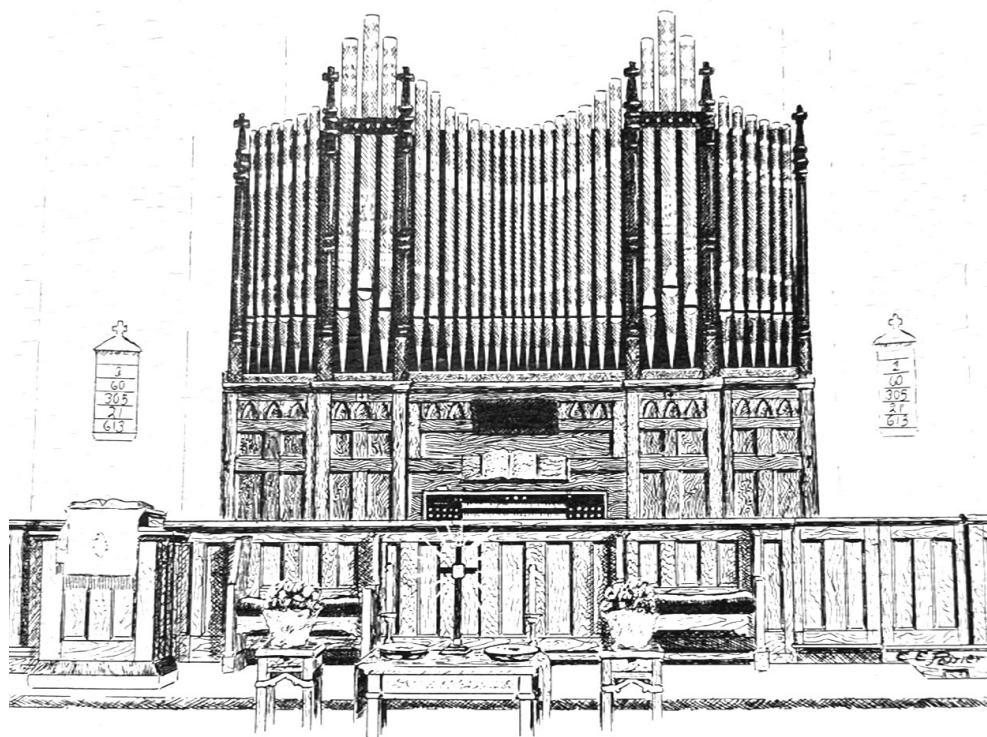


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



God, What Do You Want
to Do Through Me?

PRAY

Sunday February 25, 2023

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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

Gentle and patient.

God, you are calling.

Careful and persistent.

God, you are calling.

In grieving and in praise.

God, you are calling.

Through dawn and midday.

God, you are calling.

Unexpected and planned.

God, you are calling.

In a still small voice and in power.

God, you are calling.

Spontaneous and prepared.

God, you are calling.

Willing or protected.

God, you are calling.

Our God is eager to share with us,
wherever we are in our journey.

May we be diligent to listen.

God, you are calling.

SONG

“SOFTLY AND TENDERLY”

No. 348, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989)

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
passing from you and from me;
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,
coming for you and for me. [Refrain]

O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COLLECT

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 SAMUEL 3:1-10

The New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

SONG

“LORD, SPEAK TO ME”

No. 463, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of thy tone;
as thou hast sought, so let me seek
thine erring children lost and lone.

O strengthen me, that while I stand
firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
to wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
until thy blessed face I see,
thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

PHASE II: INVITATION TO PRAY

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

“HERE I AM, LORD”

No. 593, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

SENDING

THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you.
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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Dawn Pokorny, Lay Member to Annual Conference
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John Milot, Chair of Resource Committee
Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATIONAL GATHERINGS

You are invited to attend one of our *Informational Gatherings* listed below. The purpose of these meetings is to provide information, awareness, and fellowship. It will also be a time to ask any questions you may have about the planned renovations, projected costs, and what is required for a successful result. **No important decisions will be called for or commitments made at this time.** The entire meeting will last about an hour.

Tuesday, March 5, 11:00 AM at the church ONLY

Wednesday, March 6, 7:30 PM at the church & Google Meet

Thursday, March 7, 1:00 PM at the church ONLY

Sunday, March 10, 11:00 AM (AFTER WORSHIP) at church & Google Meet

Please reserve your spot at one of these gatherings by checking off a time on your Offering insert, registering at www.franklinumc.org/phase-ii or by contacting us directly. Our contact information is below.

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FEBRUARY COLLECTION

This month's Food Pantry item is **cookies & crackers, 8-12 oz.** 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

For March, the Book Club will be reading "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelly Van Pelt. The next meeting will be on **March 12 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).