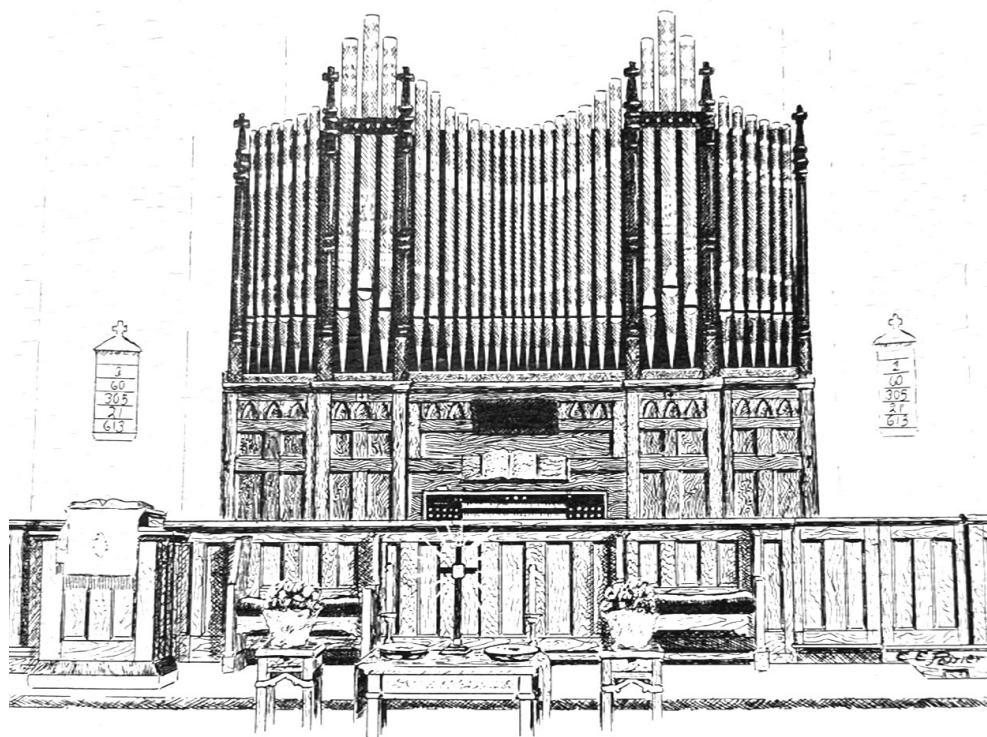


# FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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God, What Do You Want  
to Do Through Me?

## Be Grateful

Sunday March 3, 2023

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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**.

Prayer requests can be made by filling out the offering form enclosed with the print bulletins, or by going to **[franklinumc.org/pray](http://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](http://franklinumc.org/give)**.

To learn about ways you can volunteer, and sign up, go to **[franklinumc.org/volunteer](http://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.

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## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of your hectic week you have come to worship God.

**Our lives are pulled in so many directions, we seek  
God's guidance.**

Let go of the burdens that weigh you down. God will take them.

**We thank God for the respite we are given.**

Tune your hearts and voices in praise to God.

**Let our voices bear the joy we feel because of God's  
love for us. Amen.**

## SONG

## “LORD GOD, YOUR LOVE HAS CALLED US HERE”

*No. 579, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989)*

Lord God, your love has called us here,  
as we, by love, for love were made;  
your living likeness still we bear,  
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed;  
we come, with all our heart and mind,  
your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains  
of broken trust and chosen wrong,  
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,  
by social forces swept along,  
by powers and systems close confined,  
yet seeking hope for humankind.

Lord God, in Christ you call our name,  
and then receive us as your own;  
not through some merit, right, or claim,  
but by your gracious love alone;  
we strain to glimpse your mercy seat,  
and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread,  
and humble us, and call us friends;  
suffer and serve till all are fed,  
and show how grandly love intends  
to work till all creation sings,  
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Lord God, in Christ you set us free  
your life to live, your joy to share;  
give us your Spirit's liberty  
to turn from guilt and dull despair,  
and offer all that faith can do,  
while love is making all things new.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **COLLECT**

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Cathy Koch, Piano  
Lola Richardson, Flute*

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**LUKE 17:11-19**

*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 hands 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.

## PHASE II: INVITATION TO GIVE THANKS

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (SUNG RESPONSES)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

*No. 2257-b, The Faith We Sing (2001)*

... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

*No. 2257-c, The Faith We Sing (2001)*

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

*No. 2257-d, The Faith We Sing (2001)*

### 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.**

## SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

### RESPONSE

### “PEACE BE TO THIS CONGREGATION”

Words by Charles Wesley

TUNE: PROMISE (No. 707, The United Methodist Hymnal)

Peace be to this congregation,  
peace to ev'ry soul therein,  
peace, which flows from Christ's salvation,  
peace, the seal of cancelled sin,  
peace that speaks its heavenly Giver,  
peace, to earthly minds unknown,  
peace divine that lasts forever  
here erect its glorious throne.

Jesus, Prince of peace, be near us;  
fix in all our hearts your home;  
with your gracious presence cheer us;  
let your sacred kingdom come;  
raise to heav'n our expectation,  
give our favored souls to prove  
glorious and complete salvation,  
in the realms of bliss above.

### SENDING

### THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### 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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Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

# UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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## 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](http://www.franklinumc.org/phase-ii)** or by contacting us directly. Our contact information is below.

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## MARCH COLLECTION

This month's Food Pantry item is **baking mixes (brownies, cakes, cookies)**. 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).

## 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 Rome, 4 East Central Street, Franklin on March 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.