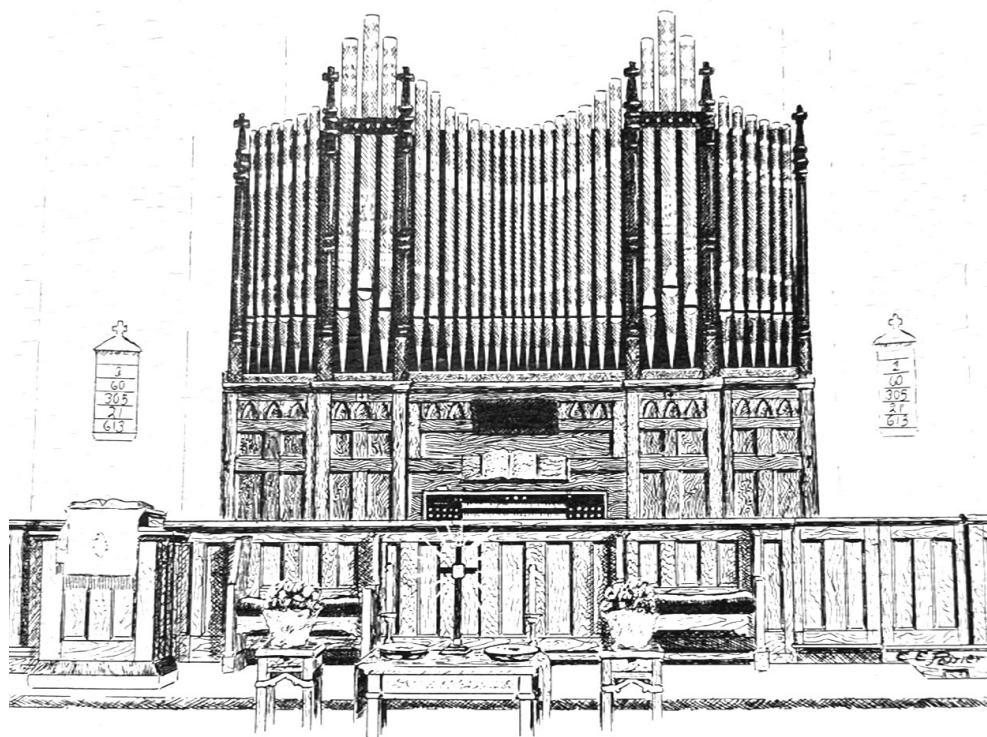


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



God, What Do You Want
to Do Through Me?

Make a Difference

Sunday March 10, 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

Where do you seek happiness? Where do you find it?

The Psalmist reminds us that true happiness is not found in things we can achieve or buy.

Happiness is found in humble service of others.

“Those who pay close attention to the poor are truly happy!” (Psalm 41:1)

The Lord rescues them.

Lord, rescue us. Help us to find our greatest joy and happiness in serving others and healing a wounded world.

SONG

“WOUNDED WORLD THAT CRIES FOR HEALING”

No. 2177, The Faith We Sing (2001)

Wounded world that cries for healing - here we hold each other's pain,
wounded systems, bruised and bleeding bear the load, the scars of strain;
dollars ration out compassion, hard decisions rule the day,
Jesus of the healing Spirit, free us to another way!

Through our nation's spent frustration, through the corridors of stress
may there move a kindlier wisdom all my feel, and all may bless;
tax and tithe are for a purpose shared to shield the poor and weak;
past the symptoms of our sickness let the voice of justice speak.

Honor those whose loving spirit nurses hope, restores and heals,
towel and basin used in service like the Christ who comes and kneels;
in the tending, in the mending may we see the right and fair,
in our common quest for wholeness heal each other by our care.

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

MARK 2:1-12

The New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

SONG

“TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE”

No. 399, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989)

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

PHASE II: OUR MINISTRY IMPACT

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

“FORTH IN THY NAME, O LORD”

No. 438, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labor to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes mine inmost substance see,
and labor on at thy command,
and offer all my works to thee.

For thee delightfully employ
what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given;
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

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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Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GATHERING TODAY

You are invited to attend our last *Informational Gathering* today after the worship service. The purpose of this meeting 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.

EASTER FLOWERS

Flower sign ups are available in the fellowship hall after the service. These flowers will adorn the sanctuary on Easter morning. See Dawn Harlow with any questions.

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 Dawn Pokorny’s home, 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 by 10 am if you plan to attend.

LENT/ EASTER SERVICES & EVENTS

Palm Sunday Worship	Sunday March 24 10am
Maundy Thursday Service	Thursday March 28, 7pm
Good Friday Tenebrae Service	Friday March 29, 7pm
Easter Sunrise Service	Sunday March 31, 6am on the common
Easter Sunday Worship	Sunday March 31, 10am
Community Easter Egg Hunt	Sunday March 31, 11:15 am

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.