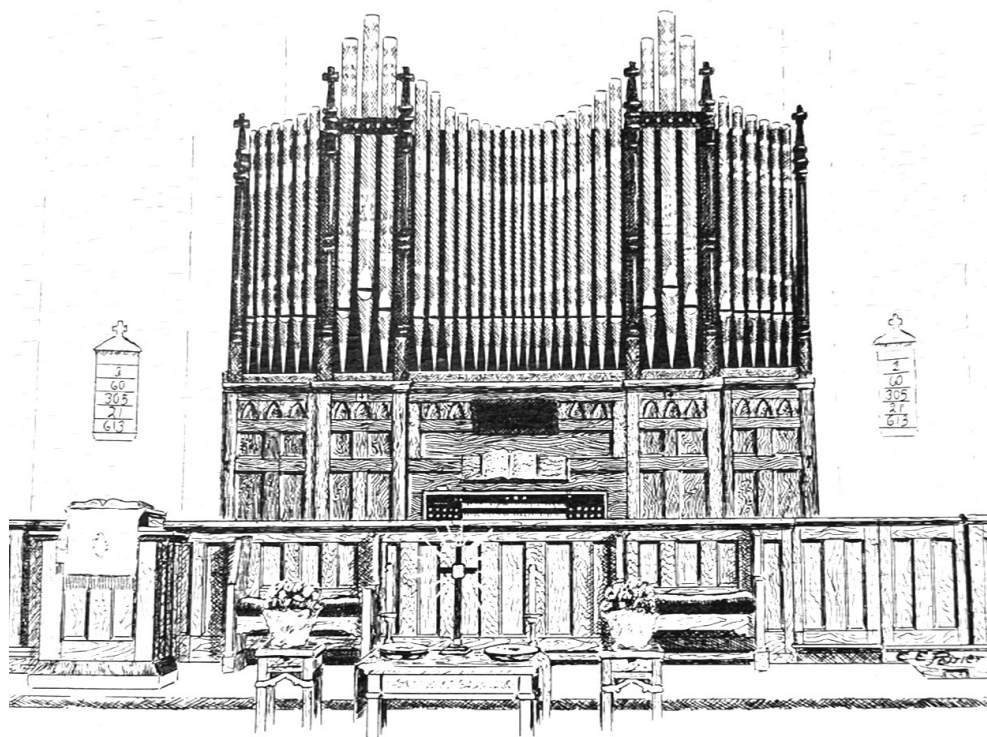


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



God, What Do You Want
to Do Through Me?

Make a Meaningful Sacrifice

Sunday March 17, 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 (ADAPTED FROM PSALM 37:21, 23-24)

The wicked shall perish.

**The wicked take and borrow, but never
give and pay back.**

The righteous give liberally.

**Our steps are made firm by the Lord
when he delights in our way;**

though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong,
for the Lord holds us by the hand.

SONG

“PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND”

No. 474, UMH (1989)

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear
precious Lord linger near
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears
and the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

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 CHRONICLES 21:18-29

The New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

SONG

**“YOU HAVE LONGED FOR SWEET PEACE
(IS YOUR ALL ON THE ALTAR?)”**

No. 333, The African Methodist Episcopal Church Hymnal (2011)

You have longed for sweet peace, and for faith to increase,
And have earnestly, fervently prayed;
But you cannot have rest or be perfectly blest
Until all on the altar is laid.

Refrain:

*Is your all on the altar of sacrifice laid?
Your heart, does the Spirit control?
You can only be blest
and have peace and sweet rest,
As you yield Him your body and soul.*

Would you walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
And have peace and contentment always?
You must do His sweet will, to be free from all ill,
On the altar your all you must lay. [*Refrain*]

O we never can know what the Lord will bestow
Of the blessings for which we have prayed,
Till our body and soul He doth fully control,
And our all on the altar is laid. [*Refrain*]

Who can tell all the love He will send from above,
And how happy our hearts will be made,
Of the fellowship sweet we shall share at His feet,
When our all on the altar is laid! [*Refrain*]

PHASE II: NOT EQUAL GIFTS, EQUAL SACRIFICE

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

“AMAZING ABUNDANCE”

No. 3120, W & S (2011)

Amazing abundance poured out on this land,
The mark of your gracious and generous hand.
Your blessing is richest on those who will give
with joy and thanksgiving so others may live.

REFRAIN

*Praise God for the nations,
O help us to see
the whole world is yours, Lord,
and yearns to be free!*

A holy compassion is born through the cries
when tragedy threatens and heroes arise.
God's spirit is present and felt everywhere
that hands reach through darkness and battle despair. [*Refrain*]

We pray for communion, all nations so strong
that difference is honored and all might belong.
A tapestry woven by myriad hands,
a banner of freedom the bright braided strands. [*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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Allen Smith, Chair of Personnel Committee
John Milot, Chair of Resource Committee
Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

EASTER FLOWERS

Flower sign ups are available in the fellowship hall after the service. These flowers will adorn the sanctuary on Easter morning.

Lilies \$23

6" tulips \$9

8" pansy bowls \$9

See Dawn Harlow with any questions.

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.

BOOK CLUB

For March, the Book Club will be reading "Still Life" by Shelly Louise Perry . The next meeting will be on **April 9 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).