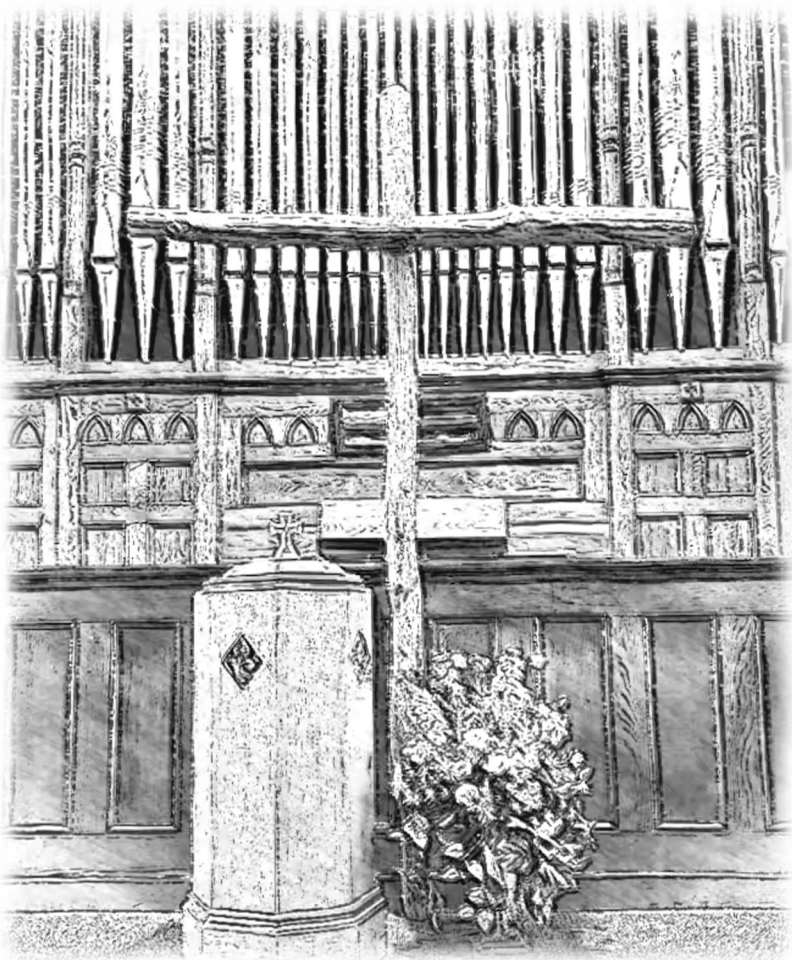


FRANKLIN UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



Maundy Thursday
Mandatum Novum
(A New Commandment)

March 28, 2024

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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 grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Christ has prepared a feast of love.

SONG

“WHAT FEAST OF LOVE”

No. 3170, W&S (2011)

What feast of love is offered here, What banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, What gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the King, The bread come down from heaven.
O taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

CONFESSION & PARDON

Siblings in Christ,

Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God’s Spirit.

Most merciful God, we your Church confess

that often our spirit has not been that of Christ.

Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us,

where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips

and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray;

and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news:
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

RESPONSE

“GLORY BE TO THE FATHER”

No. 70, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

The New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

MUSICAL OFFERING

“IN AN UPPER ROOM”

George Remus & Vickie Low, Vocalists

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35

The New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

A COLLECT FOR PURITY (IN UNISON)

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of my
heart by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that I may perfectly
love you, my neighbors, and all else; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

OFFERING & PROCESSIONAL

**(A MODERN EQUIVALENT TO) FOOTWASHING, CONCERNS
& PRAYERS**

SONG

**“THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE
CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE”**

No. 2223, *FWS* (2001)

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain:

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *Refrain*

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride. *Refrain*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. *Refrain*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

... 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.

...By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and
one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

**Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in
your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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

SONG

“TOGETHER WE SERVE”

No. 2175, FWS (2001)

Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending your love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

STRIPPING THE SANCTUARY

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

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

LENT/ EASTER SERVICES & EVENTS

Holy Week is the last week of Lent and the final week of preparation before Easter Sunday. It is during this week that we remember the events of Jesus' suffering ("passion") and death in preparation for the celebration of his resurrection on Easter. Below are the services we'll be offering during Holy Week 2024.

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

BOOK CLUB

This month the Book Club will be reading "Still Life" by Louise Perry . The next meeting will be on **April 9 at 7pm**. The group will meet in a hybrid format, Cynthia will be hosting at 123 Dean Ave #3310 in Franklin for those who would like to meet in person, 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 an area restaurants. The next gathering will be at **The Railery, Franklin Village on April 17 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.

APRIL COLLECTION

This month's Food Pantry item are non-perishable **gluten free items** . Donations can be brought on Sunday's. At the end of the month all items will be brought over to the Franklin Food Pantry.