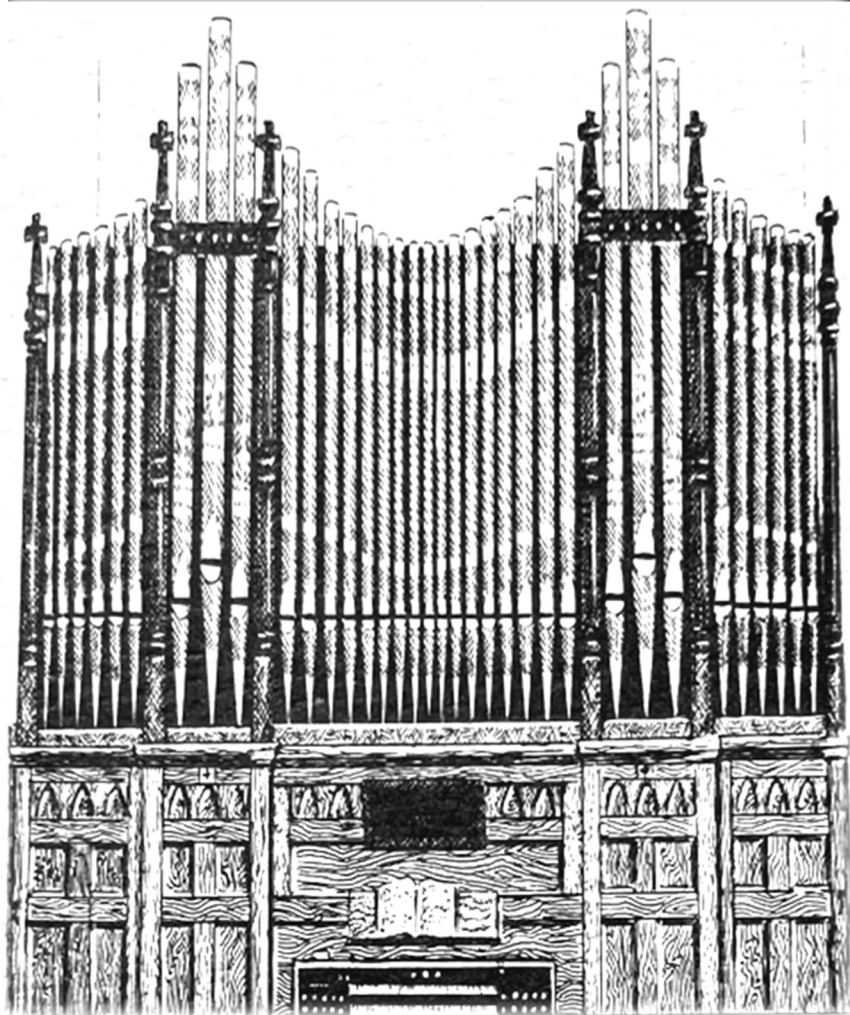


FRANKLIN UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



Lost in Wonder: Faith's Beginning
O For a Thousand
Tongues to Sing

Sunday April 7, 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

Come, let us sing to God;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into the Divine presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

It is good to give you thanks, O God;

To sing praises to your name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O God, have made us glad by your work;

At the works of your hands we sing for joy.

SONG

“I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD”

No. 152, UMH (1989)

I sing the almighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below,
but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COLLECT

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 95

The New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

SONG

“O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING”

No. 57, UMH (1989)

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (SUNG)

Tune: REGENT SQUARE ("Easter People, Raise Your Voices," UMH 304)

Written by Rev. Dr. Beth Quick;

Words of Institution added by Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Juncker

At the table, Easter people gather now, let voices ring
Lift your hearts to God, Creator, lift your hearts, and praises bring.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Resurrection people, sing!

In God's image, we're created, called to life from breath and dust.
Yet we turn from God, who loves us, building walls and breaking trust

God, forgive us! God forgive us!

Holy God, deliver us!

Through the ages, God pursued us, calling us through prophets bold
Yet we would not heed the message or believe the truth they told

God, Hosanna! We, your people,

in your mercy now enfold!

In the right time God sent Jesus God-made-flesh, God face-to-face
Showing us the ways of justice, healing, preaching, teaching faith

Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna!

Jesus, Savior, Gift of Grace!

With disciples he shared supper, took the bread and broke it said,
"Take and eat, this is my body. Do this and remember me.

We remember! We remember!

Grace and mercy we are fed.

When the supper soon had ended, he took cup, gave thanks and said,
Drink this cup it is my blood. Do this and remember me.

We remember! We remember!

Grace and mercy we are fed.

Pour on us your Holy Spirit, We, your people gathered here.
Take these gifts of bread and cup now. Make them be as Christ for us

We, your people, we, your people

with the world Christ's body share!

Let us live as Easter people bound no more by death and fear
We are children of God's kin-dom God's redemption time is here

Now we gather, now we gather,

gather for this holy meal!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895, *UMH* (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, *UMH*)

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!

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

NEW SERIES // LOST IN WONDER: FAITH'S BEGINNING

Join us Sundays, now through May 12, as we explore the theme of faith through the lens of Charles Wesley's hymns. Charles Wesley, one of the founders of Methodism, is widely considered the most prolific Christian hymnwriter. Some of the questions we'll consider are: Can we prove faith? What is eternal life? Where do we start? How do we read the Bible? Join us this Easter season for worship on Sundays, in-person at the church and via Google Meet, at 10am (or streaming whenever on YouTube) as we consider where faith begins.

BLOOMIN 4 GOOD PROGRAM

Throughout April, Franklin UMC will receive \$1 for every specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet purchased at Stop & Shop, **40 Franklin Village Drive, Franklin MA.**

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 enjoy fellowship over a meal at 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 collection is non-perishable **gluten free items**. Donations can be brought on Sunday mornings. At the end of the month all items will be brought over to the Franklin Food Pantry.