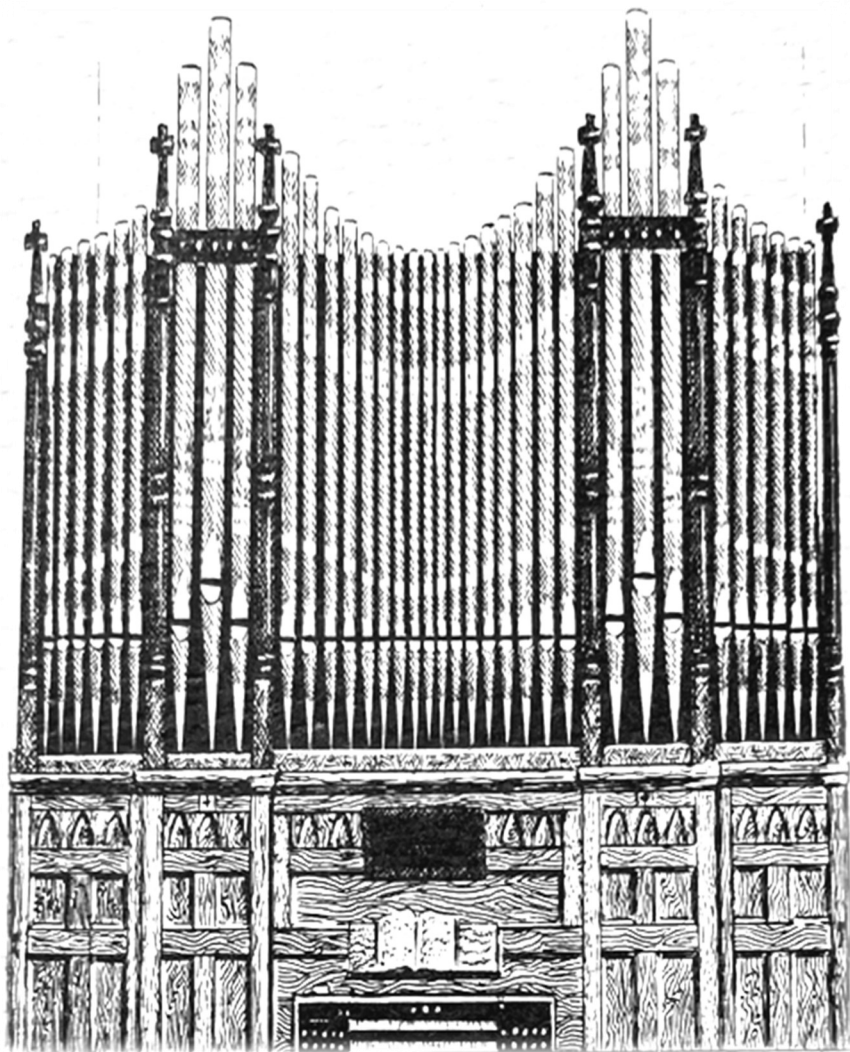


FRANKLIN UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

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Lost in Wonder: Faith's Beginning  
Can We Prove Faith?

Sunday April 14, 2024

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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 *(inspired by James 2:1-17 & Psalm 125, The Message)*

We can trust God.

**God is like the mountain: rock solid.**

God loves all people:

**the poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.**

WE can depend on God.

**God feeds the hungry, heals the sick,  
and restores relationships.**

Praise our Loving God.

**Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

## SONG

## “THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS”

*No. 138, UMH (1989)*

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth;  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me;  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## COLLECT

### 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.

## SCRIPTURE READING

### JAMES 2:14-18

*The New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

## SONG

### “THEIR EARTHLY TASK WHO FAIL TO DO”

Words: Charles Wesley from *Short Hymns on  
Select Passages of the Holy Scriptures* (1762)

TUNE: ST. CATHERINE (“Faith of Our Fathers,” UMH 710)

Their earthly task who fail to do  
Neglect their earthly business too,  
Nor know what faith and duty mean,  
Who use religion as a screen,  
Asunder put what God hath joined,  
A diligent and pious mind.

Full well the labor of our hands  
With fervency of spirit stands;  
For God, who all our days hath given,  
From toil excepts but one in seven;  
And laboring, while we time redeem,  
We let the work our God esteem.

Happy we live, when God doth fill  
Our hands with work, our hearts with zeal;  
For every toil, if God enjoin,  
Becomes a sacrifice divine,  
And like the blessed spirits above  
The more we serve, the more we love.

## REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

## SONG “YE DIFFERENT SECTS, WHO ALL DECLARE”

Words: Charles Wesley from “Primitive Christianity” as printed in  
*An Earnest Appeal to Men of Reason and Religion* (1743) by John Wesley)

TUNE: TRURO (“Lift UP Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates,” UMH 213)

Ye different sects, who all declare,  
“Lo! Here is Christ,” or “Christ is there,”  
Your stronger proofs divinely give,  
And *shew* me where THE CHRISTIANS live.

Your claim, alas! Ye cannot prove,  
Ye want the genuine mark of love:  
Thou only, Lord, thine own canst shew,  
For sure thou has a church below.

The gates of hell cannot prevail,  
The church on earth can never fail:  
Ah, Join me to thy secret ones,  
Ah! Gather all thy living stones.

Scatter’d o’er all the earth they lie,  
‘Till thou collect them with thine eye,  
Draw by the musick of thy name,  
And charm into a beauteous frame.

For this the pleading Spirit groans,  
And cries in all thy banish’d ones:  
Greatest of gifts, thy love impart,  
And make us of one mind and heart.

Join every soul that looks to thee,  
In bonds of perfect charity:  
Now, Lord, the glorious fulness give,  
And all in all forever live.

## OFFERING

## DOXOLOGY

No. 95, *UMH* (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

### **“JESUS’S HANDS WERE KIND HANDS”**

No. 273, *UMH* (1989)

Jesus' hands were kind hands,  
doing good to all,  
healing pain and sickness,  
blessing children small,  
washing tired feet,  
and saving those who fall;  
Jesus' hands were kind hands,  
doing good to all.

Take my hands, Lord Jesus,  
let them work for you;  
make them strong and gentle,  
kind in all I do.

Let me watch you, Jesus,  
till I'm gentle too,  
till my hands are kind hands,  
quick to work for you.

## 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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John Milot, Chair of Resource Committee  
Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

# UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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## NEW MEMBER CLASS

New member classes are being offered on Wednesdays and Sundays (April 24 through May 19). Participants are asked to pick one class or the other. This four week discussion group is four sessions and centers around Franklin UMC's vision statement. We'll talk about what it means to have a meaningful relationship with God, grow in Christ, reach out in love to others, and live in supportive and loving community. The Sunday class will be in person at the church. The Wednesday class will be in person via Google Meet. If you're interested in joining the church, or just want to explore (or remember again) what it means to be a member, please contact Pastor Jacob ([jacob@franklinumc.org](mailto:jacob@franklinumc.org)) to learn more about the class and how to join (or renew one's vows of membership).

## CLOTHING DONATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY CLOSET @FRANKLINUMC

We are making the transition to spring and summer! As the weather gets warmer and you are beginning to sort through your warm weather wardrobe, you're invited to consider donating your gently used clothing that no longer fits, you no longer wear, or your willing to simply part with. The Community Closet @FranklinUMC is a community ministry supported by and for the entire Franklin Community. Donations can be dropped off in the bin in the main entryway on Sundays and weekdays between 8a-1p (excluding holidays). If you'd like to learn more contact Pastor Jacob ([jacob@franklinumc.org](mailto:jacob@franklinumc.org)) and if you'd like to volunteer your time, go to [franklinumc.org/volunteer](http://franklinumc.org/volunteer) to sign up.

## 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.**

## 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](mailto: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.

## BOOK CLUB

This month the Book Club will be reading "The Golden Spoon" by Jess Maxwell. The next meeting will be on **May 14 at 7pm.** The group will meet in a hybrid format. Linda will be hosting at 1103 Old Bridge Lane Bellingham for those who would like to meet in person, or online (<https://meet.goto.com/richp/churchbookclub>), or by phone (224-501-3412, access code is 789-141-869).