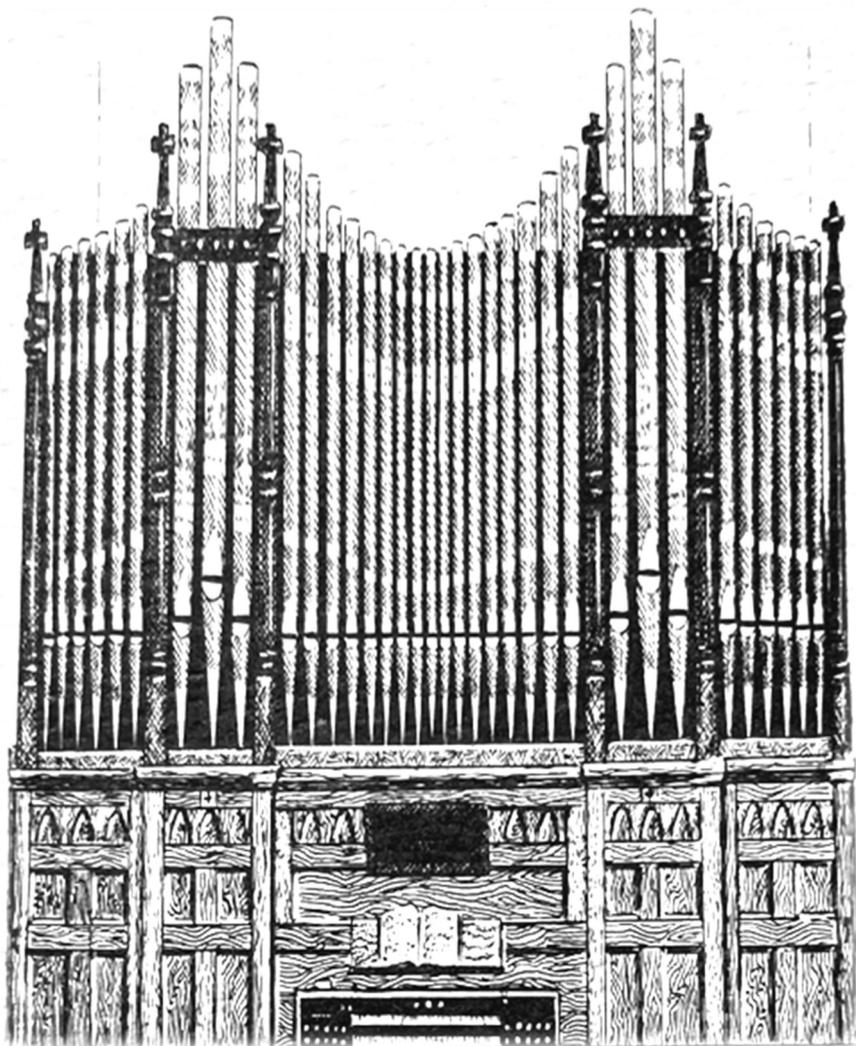


FRANKLIN UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



Lost in Wonder: Faith's Beginning
What is Eternal Life?

Sunday April 21, 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

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die,
but we will all be changed.

**Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

God in Christ is the Victor. Victory requires effort and struggle that changes us transforms us and conforms us to the likeness of Christ. Let us make the effort together and support one another through the struggle, without triumphalism, in humility, serving God and our neighbor according to the example of Jesus Christ. That we might claim Christ's victory and live into God's reign of love now and into eternity.

SONG

“VICTORY IN JESUS”

No. 370, UMH (1989)

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,
how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning,
then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

*Refrain: O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;
he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him;
he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.*

I heard about his healing. of his cleansing power revealing,
how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;
and then I cried “Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,”
and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.

(Refrain)

I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory,
and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
about the angels singing and the old redemption story,
and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

(Refrain)

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

1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-58

The New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

REFLECTION

SONG

“CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY”

No. 302, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

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

“NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISETH”

No. 311, *UMH* (1989)

Now the green blade riseth,
from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth
many days has lain;
Love lives again,
that with the dead has been:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springth green.

In the grave they laid him,
Love who had been slain,
thinking that he never
would awake again,
laid in the earth like grain
that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springth green.

Forth he came at Easter,
like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days
in the grave had lain;
quick from the dead
my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springth green.

When our hearts are wintry,
grieving or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us
back to life again;
fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springth green.

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 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) 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) and if you'd like to volunteer your time, go to 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.

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).