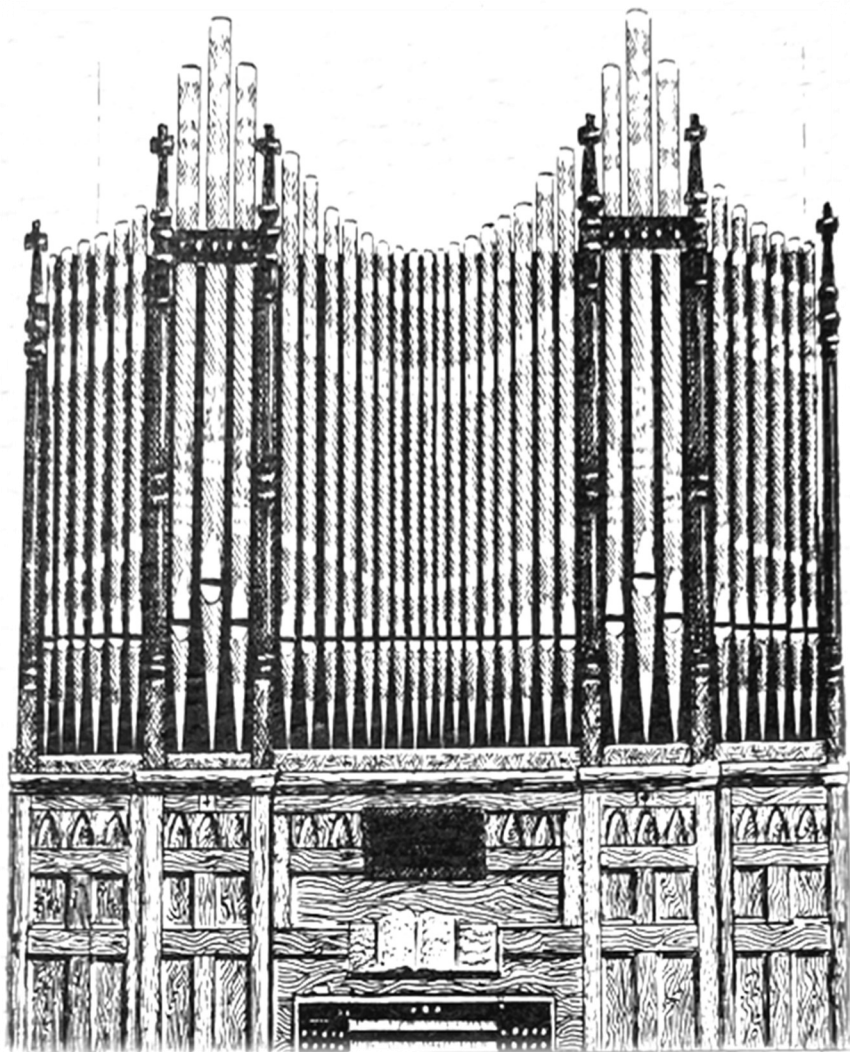


FRANKLIN UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



Lost in Wonder: Faith's Beginning
How Do We Read the Bible?

Sunday May 12, 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

We have gathered in God's holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.

We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.

SONG

“BLESSED JESUS, AT THY WORD”

No. 596, UMH (1989)

Blessed Jesus, at thy word
we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear thee,
by thy teachings sweet and holy,
drawn from earth to love thee solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till thy spirit breaks our night
with the beams of truth unclouded.
Thou alone to God canst win us;
thou must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, thyself impart!
Light of light, from God proceeding,
open thou our ears and heart;
help us by thy spirit's pleading;
hear the cry thy people raises;
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

A SERVICE OF BAPTISM

LUCAS TRINDADE

INTRODUCTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND RENUNCIATION OF SIN

CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include *Lucas* in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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

2 TIMOTHY 3:12-17

The New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

REFLECTION

SONG "COME, HOLY GHOST, OUR HEARTS INSPIRE"

No. 603, *UMH* (1989)

Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire, let us thine influence prove;
source of the old prophetic fire, fountain of life and love.

Come, Holy Ghost (for moved by thee the prophets wrote and spoke),
unlock the truth, thyself the key, unseal the sacred book.

Expand thy wings, celestial Dove, brood o'er our nature's night;
on our disordered spirits move, and let there now be light.

God, through the Spirit we shall know if thou within us shine,
and sound, with all thy saints below, the depths of love divine.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

**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

“O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE”

No. 598, *UMH*(1989)

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from you, our Savior, received the gift divine,
and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the sacred vessel where gems of truth are stored;
it is the heaven-drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.

The Scripture is a banner before God's host unfurled;
it is a shining beacon above the darkling world.
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging tide,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands, to you, O Christ, will guide.

O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations your true light as of old.
O teach your wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.

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

CLOTHING DONATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY CLOSET @FRANKLINUMC

We are making the transition to spring and summer! As you are beginning to sort through your warm weather wardrobe, you're invited to donate your gently used clothing. 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.

GAME NIGHT POTLUCK

Saturday May 18th at 5:30 pm at the church. Bring your favorite board game and a dish to share.

MAY COLLECTION

This month's Food Pantry collection is 32 oz All purpose cleaning sprays. 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 "Hello Beautiful" by Anna Napolitano . The next meeting will be on **June 11 at 7pm**. The group will meet in a hybrid format, 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).

LOOKING AHEAD...MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FREE Community Cookouts are scheduled for Saturday, July 27, August 24, September 28. They will be held in the grassy area behind the church. Food will be served from 5:30-6:30p. Limited seating will be made available, you are asked to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on if you have one.