

FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



The Day of Pentecost The Spirit is Always Moving

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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

God of wind and fire,

When you send your Spirit, we are created anew.

God of mighty oceans and still waters,

When we receive your baptism, we are born anew.

God of today and tomorrow,

**You enable us to dream dreams that transform
our world.**

So pour out your Spirit.

Let sacred waters flow.

Open our hearts to welcome you in

**that we might be stirred from our placidness and
proclaim the good news of God's love to the world.**

SONG

“O BREATH OF LIFE”

No. 543, UMH (1989)

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power.

O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.

O Wind of God, come, bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need.
Then in your tenderness remake us;
revive, restore, for this we plead.

O Breath of Love, come, breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart.
Come, love of Christ, afresh to win us;
revive your church in every part.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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

ACTS 2:1-21

The New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

REFLECTION

SONG

“FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT’S POWER”

No. 537, *UMH* (1989)

Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord.
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.

Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire.
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.

Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care all those of every race.
Like wind and fire with life among us move,
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT & RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Introduction

Presentation of Candidates

Renunciation of Sin

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

We believe in God the Father, intimate in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Reaffirmation of Faith & Reception into the Church

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Amen.

As *members* of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

As *members* of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I will.

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within each of you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Thanksgiving

**We give thanks for all that God has already given us.
As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of
The United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate
in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may
be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

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 “THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE”

No. 2241, FWS(1989)

The Spirit sends us forth to serve; We go in Jesus' name
To bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn And set the burdened free;
Where hope is dim, to share a dream And help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ, To scatter joy like seed
And, all our days, to cherish life, To do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace, The gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; We go in Jesus' name.

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.

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.