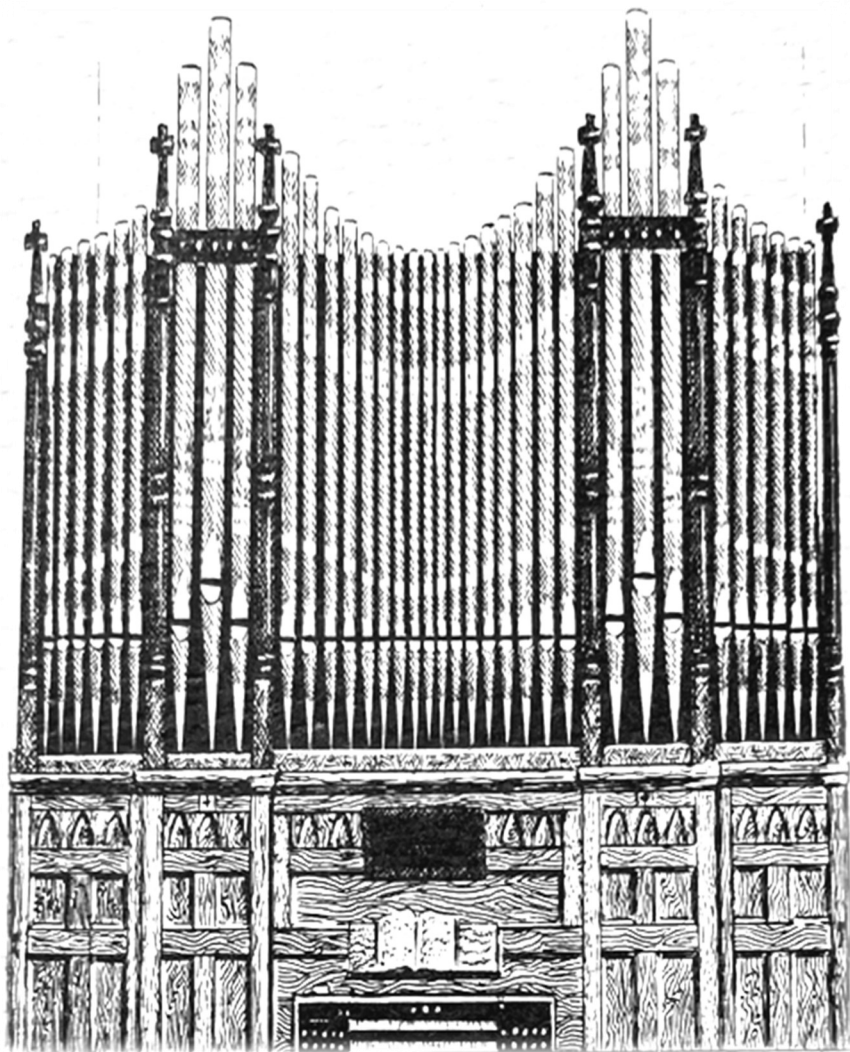


FRANKLIN UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



Lost in Wonder: Faith's Beginning
Where Do We Start?

Sunday May 5, 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 worship the God who came to seek and save the lost!

Let us worship the God who came to seek and save each of us!

Let us welcome God into our hearts and lives.

Let us give of ourselves in this worship that that we may know God and with joy and gratitude worship God!

SONG “AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)”

No. 3104, W&S (2011)

Amazing grace! How sweet that sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now I'm found; was blind but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear; and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I've been set free.

My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.

And like a flood, his mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

The lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

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The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.

But God who called me here below, will be forever mine,
will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 5:27-32

The New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

REFLECTION

SONG “WHERE SHALL MY WONDERING SOUL BEGIN”

WORDS: John Wesley (1739)

TUNE: St. Catherine (No. 710, *UMH* [1989])

Where shall my wondering soul begin?
How shall I all to heaven aspire?
A slave redeemed from death and sin,
A brand plucked from eternal fire,
How shall I equal triumphs raise,
Or sing my great deliver's praise?

O how shall I the goodness tell,
Father, which thou to me hast showed?
That I, a child of wrath and hell,
I should be called a child of God,
Should know, should feel my sins forgiven,
Blest with this antepast of heaven!

And shall I slight my Father's love?
Or basely fear his gifts to own?
Unmindful of his favors prove?
Shall I, the hallowed cross to shun,
Refuse his righteousness to impart
By hiding it within my heart?

Outcasts of men, to you I call,
Harlots, and publicans, and thieves!
He spreads his arms to embrace you all;
Sinners alone his grace receives:
No need of him the righteous have;
He came the lost to seek and save.

Come, O my guilty sinners, come,
Groaning beneath your load of sin!
His bleeding heart shall make you room,
His open side shall take you in;
He calls you now, invites you home:
Come, O my guilty sinners, come!

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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

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 "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).

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 **Uno's, Hartford Ave, Bellingham on May 15 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.

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.