

# FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Stories of Faith Simeon & Anna Meet Baby Jesus

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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

As we gather, in this time of worship,  
    **may we, like Simeon, have eyes to see God's**  
    **salvation, a light to all peoples.**  
as we gather, in this time of worship,  
    **give us the courage, like Anna, to praise God**  
    **and speak to all about Christ and the**  
    **salvation he brings.**

## SONG

### “ON THIS DAY EARTH SHALL RING”

No. 248, *UMH* (1989)

1.

On this day earth shall ring  
with the song children sing  
to the Lord, Christ our King,  
    born on earth to save us;  
    him the Father gave us.

Refrain:

Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o,  
    gloria in excelsis Deo!

2.

His the doom, ours the mirth;  
when he came down to earth,  
    Bethlehem saw his birth;  
    ox and ass beside him  
from the cold would hide him. (Refrain)

3.

God's bright star, o'er his head,  
    Wise Men three to him led;  
    kneel they low by his bed,  
    lay their gifts before him,  
praise him and adore him. (Refrain)

4.

On this day angels sing;  
with their song earth shall ring,  
praising Christ, heaven's King,  
born on earth to save us;  
peace and love he gave us. (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**

### **“SIMEON AND ANNA MEET BABY JESUS”**

*The Beginner's Bible* (Zondervan, 2005)

### **REFLECTION**

Allen Smith

### **SONG**

### **“MY MASTER, SEE, THE TIME HAS COME”**

No. 226, *UMH* (1989)

1.

My Master, see the time has come  
to give your servant leave to go in peace,  
long waited for, your promise now fulfilled.

2.

For I have seen salvation, Lord.  
Now may the whole world see that light  
which is your Israel's boast enlightening every land.

## 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

### **“BREAK FORTH, O BEAUTEOUS HEAVENLY LIGHT”**

No. 223, *UMH* (1989)

1.

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light,  
and usher in the morning;  
O shepherds, shrink not with affright,  
but hear the angel's warning.  
This child, now weak in infancy,  
our confidence and joy shall be,  
the power of Satan breaking,  
our peace eternal making.

2.

This night of wonder, night of joy,  
was born the Christ, our brother;  
he comes, not mighty to destroy,  
to bid us love each other.  
How could he quit his kingly state  
for such a world of greed and hate?  
What deep humiliation  
secured the world's salvation!

3.

Come, dearest child, into our hearts,  
and leave your crib behind you!  
Let this be where the new life starts  
for all who seek and find you.  
To you the honor, thanks, and praise,  
for all your gifts this time of grace;  
come, conquer and deliver  
this world, and us, forever.

## **SENDING**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Christ be with you always.  
**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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# UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

## COMMUNITY COOK OUT

**SATURDAY JULY 27 @ 5:30PM**

Cookout 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. The Community Closet will be open during this event.

Plan ahead for cookouts on Saturday August 24 & September 28.

## COMMUNITY CONCERT

**FRIDAY AUGUST 9 @ 7PM WITH LOLA RICHARDSON**

Free and open to the public. Reception to follow.

## COMMUNITY CLOSET

**FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH**

Volunteering is a great way to meet others (both those who are volunteering and those who are shopping). *Please note: volunteers must be able to navigate stairs as the Community Closet is in the old balcony of the church.* You can sign up to volunteer at [franklinumc.org/volunteer](http://franklinumc.org/volunteer). **The second and fourth Tuesday is a day to SORT ONLY.** *The Community Closet will not be open for shopping on these days.* If you would like to sign up a group to volunteer, outside the listed times, please contact Pastor Jacob at [jacob@franklinumc.org](mailto:jacob@franklinumc.org).

## JULY COLLECTION

This month's Food Pantry collection is any condiments in plastic bottles such as: ketchup, mayo, mustard, relish.. At the end of the month all items will be brought over to the Franklin Food Pantry.

## MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Franklin Meals on Wheels office is looking for onsite volunteers, weekday mornings at the church. Meals on Wheels provides nutritious meals to in-need, homebound seniors in Franklin, Bellingham, Blackstone, and Medway. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Jeanne (Monday through Friday, 10a-1p) by phone at [508-520-1422](tel:508-520-1422).

## JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

Prayer requests are distributed by email to the Prayer Team. Members of the Prayer Team pray for the requests of our church family, friends, community, and world as requested. Team members hold each request in prayer for at least three days. See Pastor Jacob if interested.