

FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Stories of Faith Jesus Chooses His Disciples

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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

The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears.

Call us into Your way of life, O God.

The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision.

Lead us into Your vision of life, O God.

The cries of the poor, the oppressed and the outcast pierce our hearts.

Guide us in Your example of living for others, O God.

Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with Your love, O God.

Let us be Your hands and feet in the world, O God. Let us worship You together.

SONG

“JESUS CALLS US”

No. 398, *UMH* (1989)

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me!"

As of old the apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more!"

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these!"

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE READING

“JESUS CHOOSES HIS DISCIPLES”

The Beginner's Bible (Zondervan, 2005)

REFLECTION

SONG

“LORD, YOU HAVE COME TO THE LAKESHORE”

No. 344, *UMH* (1989)

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor.
Refrain

You need my hands, full of caring
through my labors to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.
Refrain

You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.
Refrain

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence
filled with regret for our many sins and failings.
Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness,
we have often denied our better selves
and refused to hear your voice
calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity.
For there is weakness in us, as well as great strength.
At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured.
We do not care to look within,
and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help.
O God, we are too weak to walk unaided.
Be with us as a strong and wise friend,
and teach us to walk by the light of your truth.

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.

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 AND CUP

RESPONSE

“FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN”

No. 614, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this pledge that you do love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With our sainted ones in glory
seated at the heavenly board,
may the church that's waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us,
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world where you have sent us,
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

SENDING

THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you always.
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

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. **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.

BOOK CLUB

This month the Book Club will be reading “The Ride of Her Life” by Elizabeth Lett . The next meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY August 14 at 7pm.** The group will meet in a hybrid format, at Cynthia’s home 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

The next gathering will be at **The 99 in Franklin on August 21 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.

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.