

FRANKLIN UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



Stories of Faith
Jars of Oil

Sunday August 11, 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

God is with God's people. God dwells in our midst.
Listen and hear God speak.

**Our hearts long for God's word. We wait
upon the Lord so that we may renew our
strength.**

God is our help and our support. God's spirit moves
among us to lead us in holiness and righteousness all our
days.

**With joyful hearts we sing God's praise. With
rejoicing we call upon God. The Lord is our
hope and our salvation.**

SONG

“CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER”

No. 141, *UMH* (1989)

1

Children of the heavenly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

2

God his own doth tend and nourish;
in his holy courts they flourish;
from all evil things he spares them;
in his mighty arms he bears them.

3

Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4

Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COLLECT

LORD'S PRAYER

**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

“JARS OF OIL”

The Beginner's Bible (Zondervan, 2005)

REFLECTION

SONG

“THE LAW OF LOVE”

No. 67, *Hymns and Anthems adapted for Jewish Worship* (1887)

TUNE: CRIMOND (UMH 117, “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”)

1.

Pour forth the oil—pour boldly forth;
It will not fail until
Thou failest vessels to provide
Which it may largely fill.

2.

Make channels for the streams of love
Where they may broadly run;
And love has overflowing streams,
To fill them every one.

3.

But if at any time we cease
Such channels to provide,
The very founts of love for us
Will soon be parched and dried.

4.

For we must share, if we would keep
That blessing from above;
Ceasing to give, we cease to have,—
Such is the law of love.

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

“AMAZING ABUNDANCE”

No. 3120, *Worship & Song* (2011)

1

Amazing abundance poured out on this land,
The mark of your gracious and generous hand.
Your blessing is richest on those who will give
with joy and thanksgiving so others may live.

2

A holy compassion is born through the cries
when tragedy threatens and heroes arise.
God’s spirit is present and felt everywhere
that hands reach through darkness and battle despair.

3

We pray for communion, all nations so strong
that difference is honored and all might belong.
A tapestry woven by myriad hands,
a banner of freedom the bright braided strands.
Praise God for the nations, O help us to see
the whole world is yours, Lord, and yearns to be free!

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

AUGUST COLLECTION

This month's Food Pantry collection is salad dressing. At the end of the month all items will be brought over to the Franklin Food Pantry.

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 at 508-654-2833 or NancyBoates49@hotmail.com by 10 am if you plan to attend.

COMMUNITY COOK OUT

Cookouts 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, please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Plan ahead for cookouts on Saturday August 24 & September 28.

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.