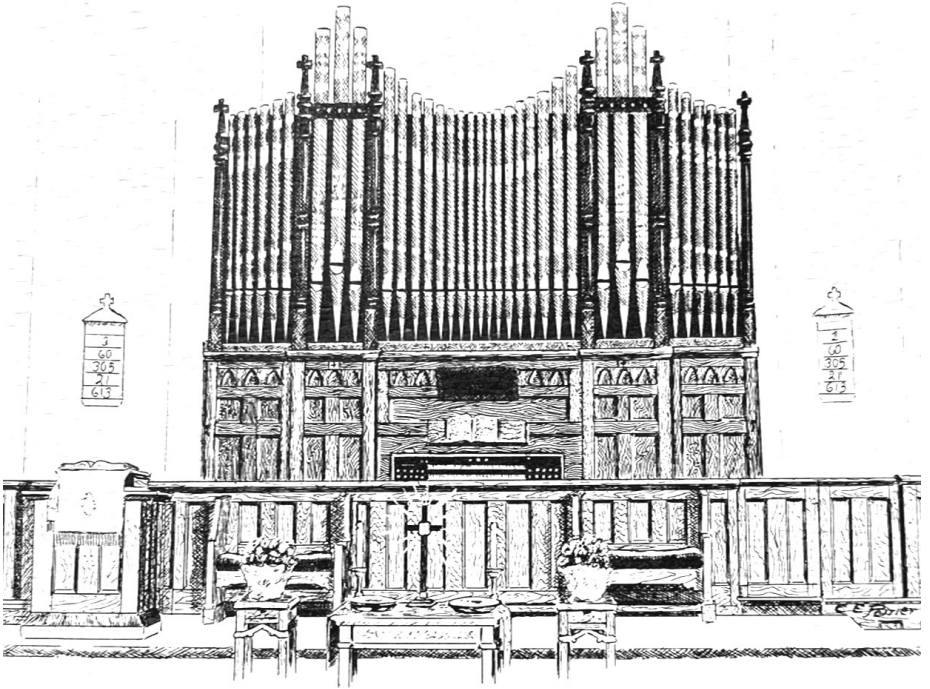


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Do We Care?

Do We Care About Others?

Sunday September 8, 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

In a word that is too often divided,

we are called to live united, together.

In a world where we are taught to care for ourselves and our own,

we are called to share with strangers and love our enemies.

In a world that worships status and success and praises celebrity,

we are called to offer our worship and praise to God.

We are called to live differently, to live transformed lives that bear witness to the love of God found in Jesus Christ.

May God's Spirit embolden our praise, guide our thoughts, and change our ways.

SONG

“THERE'S A SPIRIT IN THE AIR”

No. 192, *UMH* (1989)

There's a Spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

Lose your shyness, find your tongue;
tell the world what God has done.
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

Still the Spirit leads the fight,
seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

When a stranger's not alone,
when the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

May the Spirit fill our praise,
guide our thoughts and change our ways:
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living, working, in our world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

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

ACTS 20:17B-21, 33-35

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

RESPONSIVE HYMN READING

hymn by Charles Wesley

Your duty let the Apostle show Ye ought, ye out to labor so,

In Jesus cause employed,

Your calling's work at times pursue, And keep the tent-maker in view,

And use your hands for God.

Work for the weak and sick and poor, Raiment and food for them procure,

And mindful of God's Word,

Enjoy the blessedness to give, Lay out your gettings, to relieve

The members of your Lord.

Your labor which proceeds from love, Jesus shall graciously approve,

With full felicity

With brightest crowns your loan repay, And tell you in that joyful day,

"You did it unto me."

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 25:31-40

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

SONG

"LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING"

No. 384, *UMH* (1989)

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.

Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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

“SENT OUT IN JESUS’ NAME”

No. 2184, *FWS* (2001)

Sent out in Jesus’ name, our hands are ready now
to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.

The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O help us to obey and carry out your will.

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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John Milot, Chair of Resource Committee
Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

NEW STUDY/SMALL GROUP SERIES || UPWARD!

We started a new 12 week study and small group discussion series this morning entitled *Upward!* based on the book [*Upward! : Wesleyan Formation in Three Movements*](#). It is appropriate for persons exploring their faith and those interested in deepening their understanding of Methodism. We will meet in person in the chapel space off the sanctuary and via Google Meet at 8:45 am on Sundays.

SEPTEMBER COLLECTION

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

COMMUNITY CLOSET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 or your Offering sheet.

The first and third Tuesdays are OPEN SHOPPING DAYS.

The second and fourth Tuesday is a day to SORT ONLY.

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 we will be reading "Go As a River" by Shelley Read . The next meeting will be on **September 17 at 7pm**. The group will meet in a hybrid format at Linda's home 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 **Nicky's, 460 Franklin St, Wrentham on September 18 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.

ICE CREAM TRUCK SOCIAL

Sunday September 22 after worship

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream! Join us for an ice cream social on Sunday, September 22 following worship. FREE ice cream sundaes from TC Scoops will be provided. Bring a friend!

COMMUNITY COOK OUT SAT SEPTEMBER 28

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.