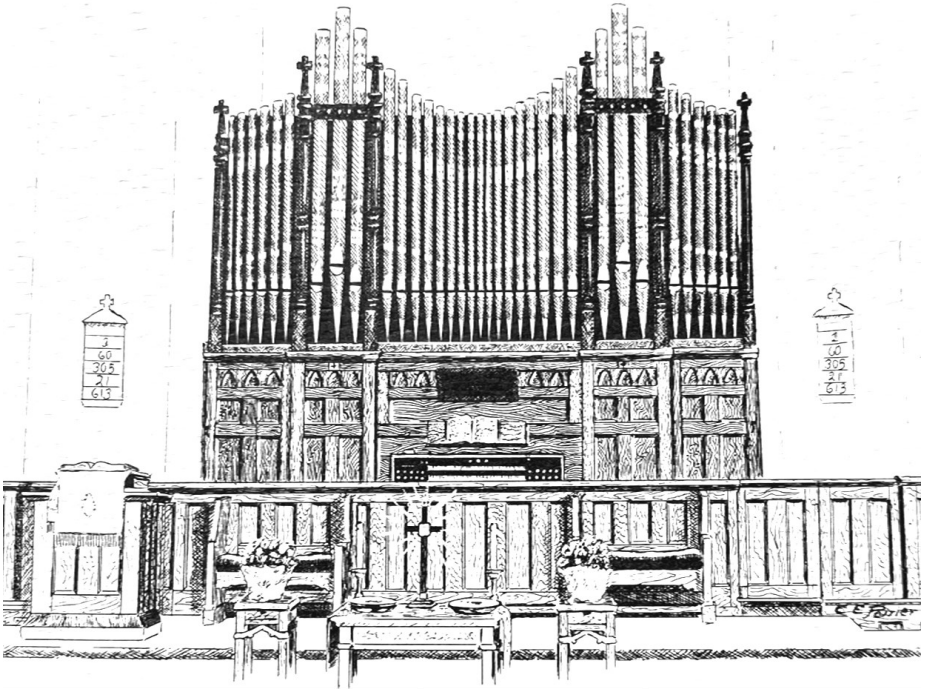


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Do We Care?

Do We Care About God's Creation?

Sunday September 15, 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

As a frog grows from a tadpole and develops legs for hopping,
**so grow our faith and trust in you, O God, that we might
move in your ways.**

As a frog croaks to call out to others nearby about its
surroundings,
**so move us to call out to others around us, O God, telling
of the wonder of your Creation.**

As a frog may thrive in a tree, a river, a pond, or a field,
**so give us the courage and grace to live in peace with
justice with all your Creation in whatever context we find
ourselves.**

May we learn from the creatures, great and small,
and behold in wonder the lessons they teach.

SONG “ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL”

No. 147, *UMH* (1989)

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.
(Refrain)

The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.
(Refrain)

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.
(Refrain)

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.
(Refrain)

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

PSALM 104:24-30

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

RESPONSIVE HYMN READING

hymn by Charles Wesley

Author of every work divine,
Who dost through both creations shine,
The God of nature and of grace!
Thy glorious steps in all we see,
And wisdom attribute to thee,
And power, and majesty, and praise.

Thou dost create the earth anew,
(Its Maker and Preserver too)
By thine almighty arm sustain;
Nature perceives thy secret force,
And still holds on her even course,
And owns thy providential reign.

Thou art the Universal Soul,
 **The Plastic Power that fills the whole,
 And governs earth, air, sea, and sky:**
The creatures all by breath receive;
 **And who, by thy inspiring live,
 Without thy inspiration, die.**

SCRIPTURE READING

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

SONG

“GOD, WHO STRETCHED THE SPANGLES HEAVENS”

No. 150, *UMH* (1989)

God, who stretched the spangled heavens Infinite in time and place,
Flung the suns in burning radiance Through the silent fields of space:
We, your children in your likeness, Share inventive powers with you;
Great Creator, still creating, Show us what we yet may do.

Proudly rise our modern cities, stately buildings, row on row;
yet their windows blank, unfeeling, stare on canyoned streets below,
where the lonely drift unnoticed in the city's ebb and flow,
lost to purpose and to meaning, scarcely caring where they go.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race;
Known the ecstasy of winging Through untraveled realms of space;
Probed the secrets of the atom, Yielding unimagined power,
Facing us with life's destruction Or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons, May it challenge us anew:
Children of creative purpose, Serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise; Each endeavor well begun;
Great Creator, give us guidance Till our goals and yours are one.

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 **“I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD”**

No. 152, *UMH* (1989)

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the word and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

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

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 phone (224-501-3412, access code 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!

FALL FASHION FLING SAT SEPTEMBER 28

From 2-6, during the Harvest Festival, come refresh your wardrobe, connect with neighbors, and build community! Everyone's invited to discover new treasures!

COMMUNITY COOK OUT SAT SEPTEMBER 28

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, please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

COMMUNITY CONCERT: CATHERINE CARGILL KOCH

Join us for a FREE Community Concert @FranklinUMC. For the past 38 years Cathy has been the organist at the Manlius UMC , NY. She has also served as a substitute organist for various churches , including her home church here at Franklin UMC .