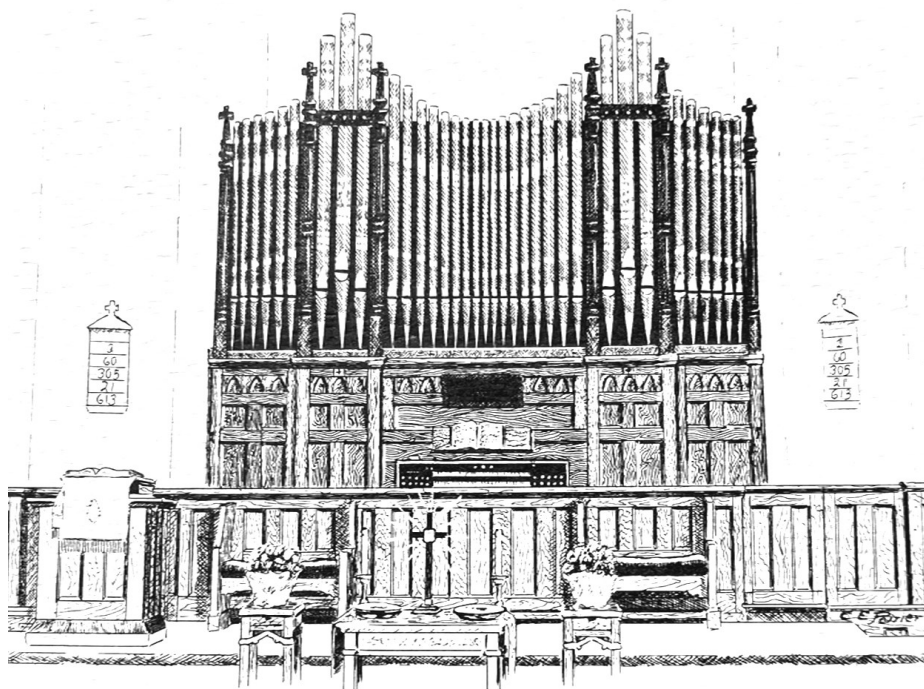


# FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Do We Care?

Is the Church Really for Everyone?

Sunday September 22, 2024

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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

Everyone is called to worship.

**Everyone worships something.**

We come to worship the God of Abraham and Isaac.

**We come to worship the God who comes to us, as one of us, in Jesus Christ.**

We come to worship the God whose mercies are new every morning, the God whose love is steadfast.

**The God who sent the Comforter to wipe our tears and guide us along the Way.**

We come to worship God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**We come to worship God together.**

## SONG            “O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING”

*No. 57, UMH (1989)*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;  
anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

## **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 17:1-12**

*New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

### **RESPONSIVE HYMN READING**

hymn by Charles Wesley

Can we in unbelievers find  
That noble readiness of mind  
To hear, investigate, and prove,  
The Truth of Jesu's pardoning Love?  
**Yes, Lord; through thy preventing grace,  
There are who cordially embrace  
The joyful news of sin forgiven,  
With God by grace sent down from heaven.**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

### **ISAIAH 45:1-8**

*New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

### **REFLECTION**

Pastor Jacob

SONG

“ALL ARE WELCOME”

No. 58, *Upper Room Worshipbook* (2006)

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
    And all can safely live  
    A place where saints and children tell  
        how hearts learn to forgive  
    Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
    Rock of faith and vault of grace:  
    Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
    and words are strong and true,  
    Where all God’s children dare to seek  
        to dream God’s reign anew  
    Here the cross shall stand as witness  
        and as symbol of God’s grace;  
    Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found  
    in water, wine and wheat:  
    A banquet hall on holy ground,  
        where peace and justice meet.  
    Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed  
        through time and space;  
    As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
    beyond the wood and stone  
    to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
        and live the Word they’ve known.  
    Here the outcast and the stranger bear  
        the image of God’s face;  
    Let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard and loved  
and treasured, Taught and claimed  
as words within the word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
Prayers of faith and song of grace,  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

## 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

### **“IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST”**

No. 548, *UMH* (1989)

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;  
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;  
both male and female heirs are made, and all are kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;  
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

## 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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Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

# UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

## HOLIDAY BASKETS

This year, we are collecting hot chocolate mix—box of 8 envelopes. The goal is 125 boxes. These go to the Franklin Food Pantry for their annual holiday food baskets. Donations are due to the church by Monday, October 14.

## 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](http://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](mailto:jacob@franklinumc.org).

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Church loves to see children and hear their voices. Wouldn't it be great to have a Children's Choir? Whether your children have had an opportunity to sing or not, let's have some fun and learn some songs. Contact Vickie Low, 508-740-3750, [Velow@comcast.net](mailto:Velow@comcast.net), or Cynthia Croteau, 508-942-3989, [cgcroteau13@gmail.com](mailto:cgcroteau13@gmail.com), for details or to sign up. Let's raise our voices.

## ICE CREAM TRUCK SOCIAL NEXT SUNDAY

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.