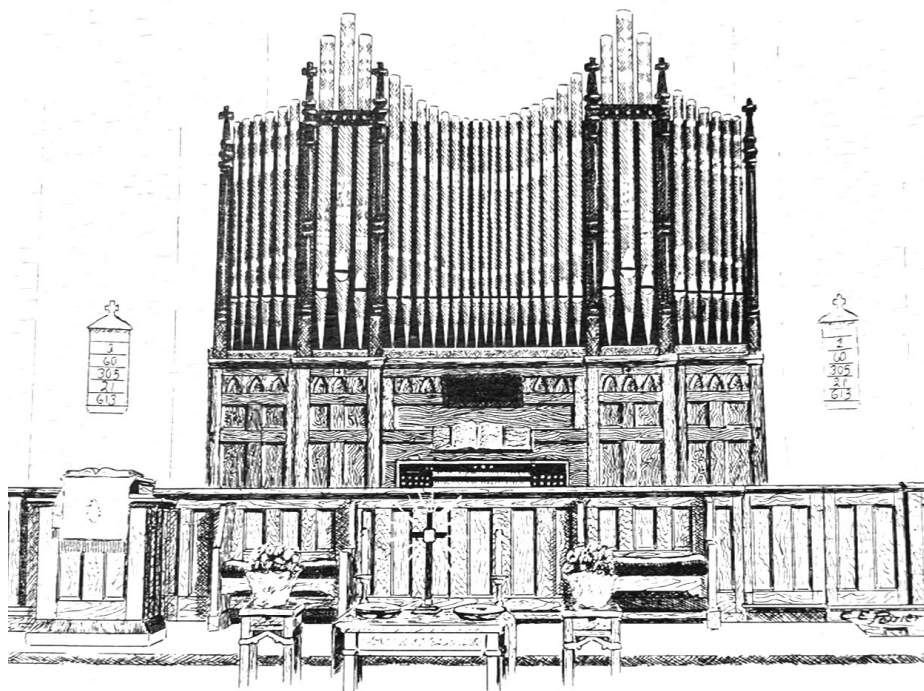


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Do We Care?

Can There Be Peace?

Sunday September 29, 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

The followers of Jesus are called to be a beacon on a hill
beckoning people to live according to God's will.

**God's will is that we live at peace with God,
one another, and all Creation.**

But, too often we do not live according to God's will.

**As we enter into worship this day, we repent of
the ways that we have caused division and
harm to God, one another, and all Creation.**

In our time together may we learn to live transformed
lives for Christ's sake, seeking reconciliation, offering
forgiveness, and walking the path of peace.

**Gather us in, O God, that together our love for
you, one another, and Creation might grow.**

SONG

“GATHER US IN”

No. 2236, FWS (2001)

Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in - the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry;
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light-years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

JEREMIAH 32:26-27, 37-41
New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

RESPONSIVE HYMN READING

hymn by Charles Wesley

No, they cry, it cannot be! Christians never will agree.
All the world thy word deny; Yet we on the truth rely,
Sure, in that appointed day, Thou wilt give us all one way.

**Show us each to other joined,
One in heart, and one in mind.**

Hasten then the general peace, Bid thy people's discord cease;
All united in thy Name, Let us think and speak the same.

**Then the world shall know and own
The Divine hath made us one;
Thee their Lord with us embrace
Sing thine everlasting praise.**

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 2:9-14

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

SONG

"HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING"

No. 240, *UMH* (1989)

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th' incarnate Deity,

pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

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

“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

No. 431, *UMH* (1989)

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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

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.

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, or Cynthia Croteau, 508-942-3989, cgcroteau13@gmail.com, for details or to sign up. Let's raise our voices.

COMMUNITY CONCERT: CATHERINE CARGILL KOCH SATURDAY OCTOBER 5 @ 7PM

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.

BOOK CLUB

This month we will be reading "The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store: A Novel" by James McBride . The next meeting will be on **October 8 at 7pm**. The group will meet in a hybrid format at Nancy'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 **The Rome in Franklin on October 16 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.

TRUNK OR TREAT / HALLO-WEINER ROAST SAT OCTOBER 26, 4-6PM

Come dressed in your Halloween costume, trick or treat around the parking lot, and enjoy a free hotdog. All are welcome. This event is completely free!