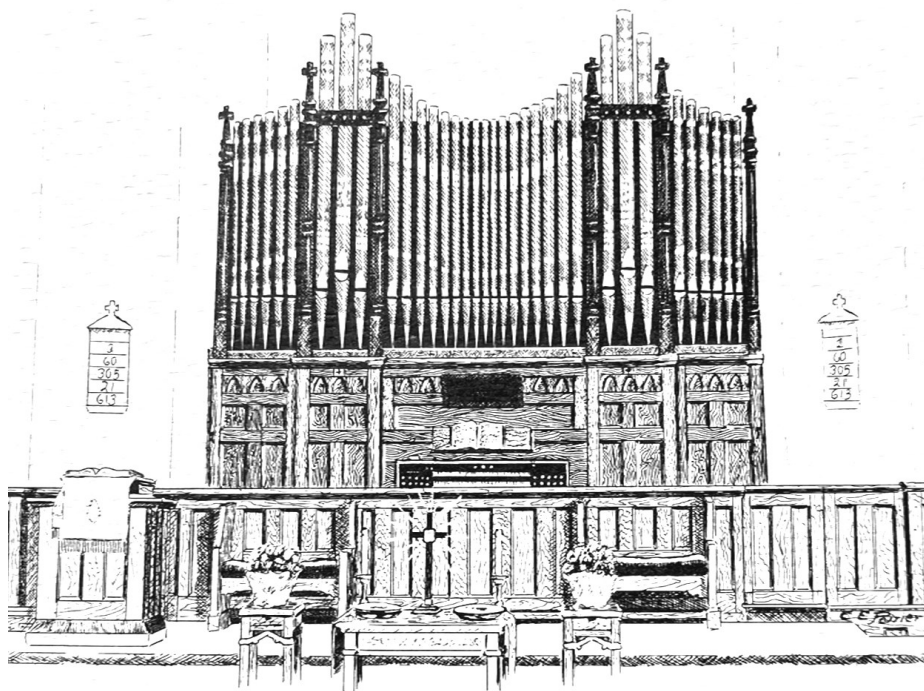


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Playing God Be Creative

Sunday October 13, 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

We gather together to share in the praises of our Creating God!
Yet, how can we adequately describe the Creator of the universe? How many and great is your Creation.

We come to tell each other how wonderful our God is!
We praise God for the goodness and abundance of Creation.

God's creative Spirit draws us together
to share in worship and praise of God
who continues to breathe life into all creation!

**God is robed in light, honor and majesty;
and has laid the foundation of this universe
as a mirror image of God's own unchanging nature.**

How amazing is our God!

Yes, we will praise and worship God together! Amen.

SONG

“MANY AND GREAT, O GOD”

No. 148, *UMH* (1989)

Many and great, O God, are thy things,
Maker of earth and sky.
Thy hands have set the heavens with stars;
thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at thy word the waters were formed;
deep seas obey thy voice.

Grant unto us communion with thee,
thou star abiding one;
come unto us and dwell with us;
with thee are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end,
eternal life with thee.

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

**GENESIS 1:1-3, 6, 9, 14,
20, 24, 26A, 27-28A**

REFLECTION

SONG

“I’M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME”

No. 2153, *FWS* (2001)

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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

“MANY GIFTS, ONE SPIRIT”

No. 114, *UMH* (1989)

God of change and glory,
God of time and space,
When we fear the future,
Give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways
give us still the grace to praise.

*Refrain: Many gifts, one Spirit,
one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing,
from diversity we praise
one Giver, One Lord, one Spirit,
one Word known in many ways,
hallowing our days.
For the Giver, for the gifts,
praise, praise, praise!*

God of many colors,
God of many signs,
You have made us different,
blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear,
let your love cast out our fear.

Refrain

Freshness of the morning,
newness of each night,
You are still creating
endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part,
many gifts from one great heart.

Refrain

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.

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!