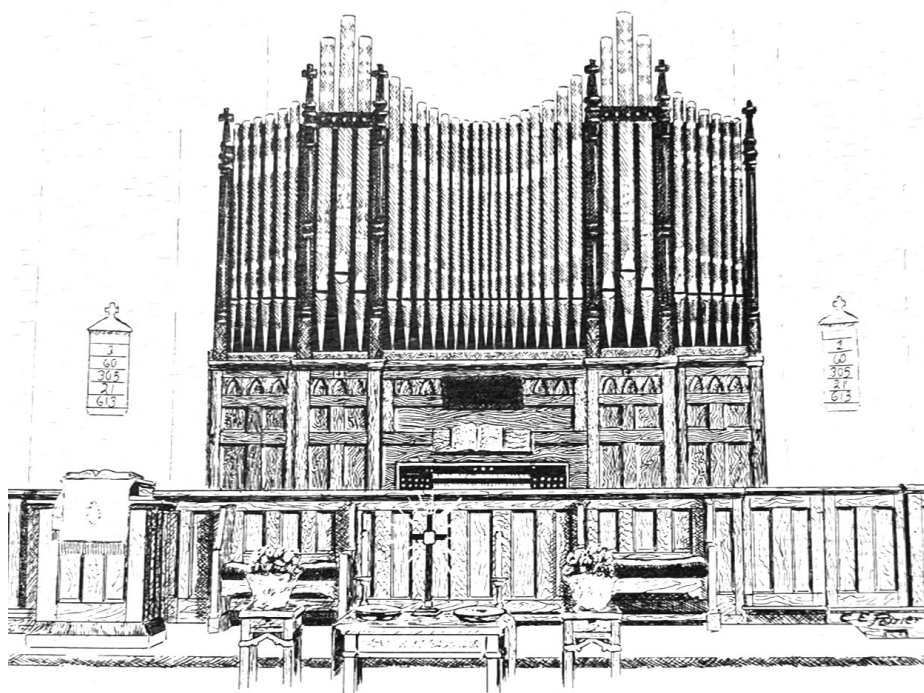


# FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Playing God  
**Be Just**

Sunday October 27, 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

People of God, who do you come to worship?

**We come to worship the one true God.**

How will you worship?

**Not with words alone, but by living lives of  
justice and love.**

Come, you who belong to God. Come, you who are  
foolish in the eyes of the world.

**Come and abide in God's tent and in  
God's heart, now and forever.**

## OPENING PRAYER

## SONG

### **“HOW SHALL I COME BEFORE THE LORD”**

No. 3124, W&S (2011)

How shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself with heart outpoured?  
And shall I come with offering?  
What shall I give? What shall I bring?

Will finest gifts bring God's delight?  
Will wealth bring favor in God's sight?  
What must we be? What must we do?  
What does the Lord require of you?

Let justice shine in all your ways.  
Let loving-kindness rule your days,  
that, as this earthly path you trod,  
you shall walk humbly with your God.

## 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

**Deuteronomy 32:1-5  
& Micah 6:1-2, 6-8**

### REFLECTION

### SONG

### “O GOD, YOU CALL FOR JUSTICE”

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

TUNE: AURELIA (“The Church’s One Foundation”, UMH 545)

O God, you call for justice —  
for goodness, never greed!  
You seek a world of fairness  
where all have what they need —  
Where all have food and water  
and homes in which to thrive,  
Where all have hope and laughter  
and joy to be alive!

O God, you call for kindness  
instead of keeping score;  
You seek a world that welcomes  
the hungry and the poor.  
Lord, where there is injustice  
may we work to protect  
The struggling ones, the voiceless  
that others would reject.

You call us to walk humbly,  
for we are not our own;  
We all are poor and needy;  
we need the grace you've shown.  
May we respond to others  
reflecting what you give —  
Compassion, kindness, justice —  
so all may gladly live.

O God, may our great nation  
seek justice, as we should,  
and work with dedication  
to seek the common good.  
We're blessed to be a blessing;  
may we within our law  
Seek justice and compassion  
that reaches out to all.

## 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!

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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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John Milot, Chair of Resource Committee  
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.

## BOOK CLUB

This month we will be reading **Calebs Crossing** (Thorndike Core) Paperback – Large Print, April 28, 2012 by **Geraldine Brooks** (Author)

The next meeting will be on **November 12 at 7pm**. The group will meet in a hybrid format at Cynthia'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 **Medway Café, 74 Main St, Medway on November 20 at 12 PM**. All are welcome. Please notify Nancy Boates by phone 508-654-2833 or email [NancyBoates49@hotmail.com](mailto:NancyBoates49@hotmail.com) by 10 am if you plan to attend.

## MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Franklin Meals on Wheels office is looking for onsite volunteers, weekday mornings at the church. Meals on Wheels provides nutritious meals to in-need, homebound seniors in Franklin, Bellingham, Blackstone, and Medway. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Jeanne (Monday through Friday, 10a-1p) by phone at 508-520-1422.

## JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

Prayer requests are distributed by email to the Prayer Team. Members of the Prayer Team pray for the requests of our church family, friends, community, and world as requested. Team members hold each request in prayer for at least three days. See Pastor Jacob if interested.

## 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).