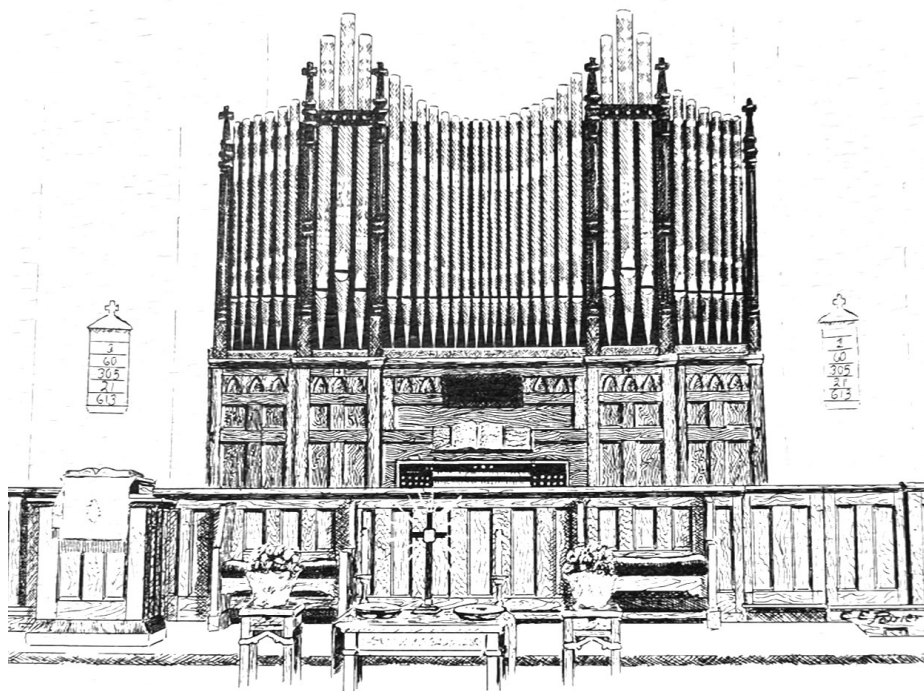


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

All Saints'/All Souls' Sunday



Playing God
Be Present

Sunday November 3, 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

In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,

we come to be your people, O God.

Strong in faith and eager with questions,
singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

we come to be your people, O God.

Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,

we come to be your people, O God.

Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours and

we come to be your people, O God.

May we truly become your people today. Amen.

SONG

“WE ARE GOD’S PEOPLE”

No. 2220, FWS (2011)

We are God's people the chosen of the Lord
Born of the Spirit established by the Word
Our cornerstone is Christ alone
And strong in Christ we stand
O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ, our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured.
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given;
O let us share each joy and care
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Christ, now risen from the dead.
God wills us be a family Diverse, yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God
And so shall God's work on earth be done.

We are a Temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace.
We die alone, for on its own
Each ember loses fire;
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light and to inspire.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-14

REFLECTION

SONG

“WHOM SHALL I SEND?”

No. 582 *UMH* (1989)

Whom shall I send? our Maker cries; and many when they hear God's voice are sure where their vocation lies; but many shrink from such a choice.

For who can serve a God so pure, or claim to speak in such a name, while doubt makes every step unsure, and self confuses every aim?

And yet, believing God who calls knows what we are and still may be, our past defeats, our future falls, we dare to answer: Lord, send me!

Those who are called God purifies, and daily gives us strength to bend our thoughts, our skills, our energies, and life itself to this one end.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven,

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

Richard Esterly, Jr.
Leroy Manor

RESPONSE

“FOR ALL THE SAINTS”

No. 2283, FWS (2001)

For all the saints who've shown your love
in how they live and where they move,
for mindful women, caring men,
accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name,
Whose faith increased the Savior's fame,
who sang your songs and shared your word,
accept our gratitude, good Lord.

For all the saints who named your will,
and showed the kingdom coming still
through selfless protest, prayer, and praise,
accept the gratitude we raise.

Bless all whose will or name or love
reflects the grace of heaven above.
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

PRAYER

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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER

RESPONSE “I SING A SONG OF THE SAINTS OF GOD”

No. 712, *UMH* (1989)

I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green;
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right for Jesus' sake
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store,
in church, by the sea, in the house next door;
they are saints of God, whether rich or poor,
and I mean to be one too.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THIS WEDNESDAY MORNING

Volunteers are needed for an hour (probably less) on Wednesday morning at 8:45 to help move bags of clothes up from the basement to be loaded into the donation/recycling truck.

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 by 10 am if you plan to attend.

INTERFAITH CHOIR INVITING PARTICIPANTS

Our Franklin Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is set for Sunday, Nov 24th 2024, 7pm @ First Universalist Society in Franklin (262 Chestnut Street, Franklin). This year, our Interfaith Choir will be singing, "Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep" by Irving Berlin and "Saranam" which means Refuge in sanskrit. We will have 4 rehearsals and then a warm up before the performance. If you can't make all of the rehearsals, that's totally fine! These are simple pieces that can be learned in a couple of practices. Rehearsals will be held at our performance site, First Universalist Society in Franklin, "FUSF" (262 Chestnut St., Franklin)! We will alternate Wednesdays and Thursdays to allow the choirs at FUSF and St. Mary's a chance to attend two rehearsals. Here's the plan! Schedule:

W 10/30/24 @7-8pm (262 Chestnut St)

TH 11/7/24 @7-8pm (262 Chestnut St)

W 11/13/24 @7-8pm (262 Chestnut St)

TH 11/21/24 @7-8pm (262 Chestnut St)

SUN 11/24/24 6:30pm warmup for 7pm performance (237 Pleasant St).

If you have any questions email Mary Diehl msdiehl@gmail.com