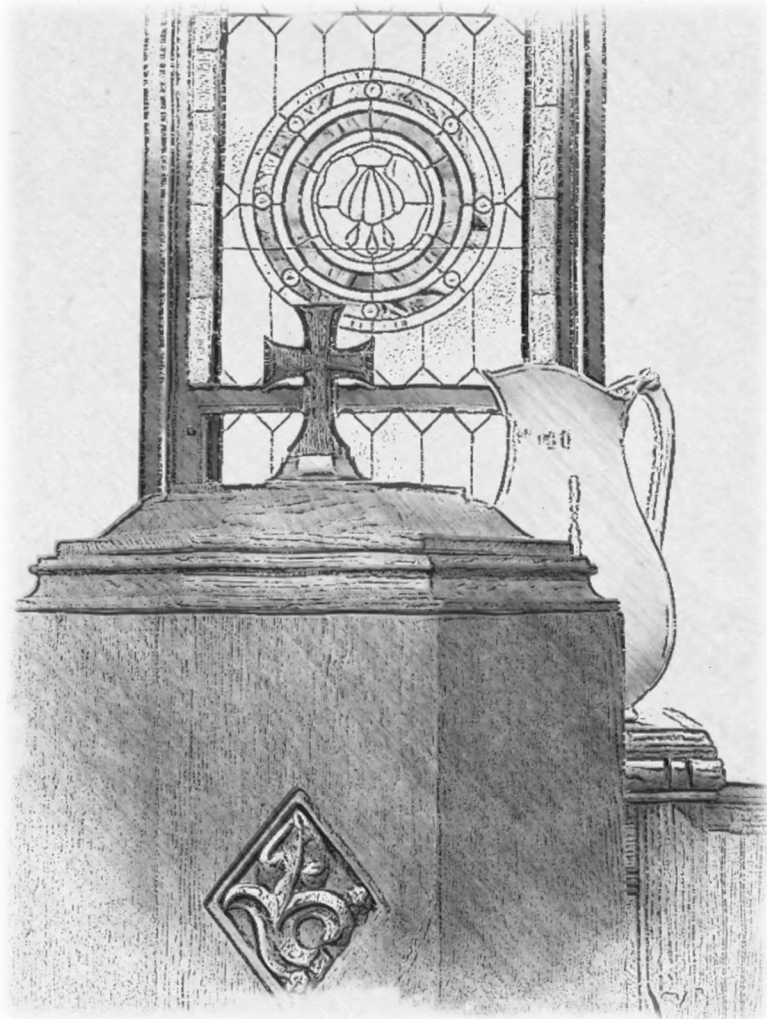


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Jonah The Call

Sunday November 10, 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

All creation proclaims the greatness and love of God.

God's love permeates even the deepest darkness.

The light of God shines on us with new hope.

We are called to be people of compassion and justice.

Open our hearts, O Lord, to see your light and live in your hope.

Prepare us for service to all your people and to this world.

Amen.

SONG

“AS A FIRE IS MEANT FOR BURNING”

No. 2237, FWS (2001)

As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations,
finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit,
we would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime
is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness
'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance
of God's new and glorious dawn.

HOLY BAPTISM

HARVEY MICHAEL MELE

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power,
and love, whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our
hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of
Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of
love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the
end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the
example of Christ, that this child, surrounded by steadfast
love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and
strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

SONG "I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY"

No. 2051, FWS (2001)

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your morning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

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

JONAH 2:2-3:3A

REFLECTION

SONG

“HERE I AM, LORD”

No. 593, *UMH* (1989)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Refrain : Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

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

“GO NOW INTO THE WORLD”

Words by F. Richard Garland, 2008 (Mt. 28:18-20)

Music by William H. Walter, 1894

Go now into the world. You must not stay here long.
My Word is meant to be unfurled: a resurrection song!

Go make disciples true, and share what you have learned.
With love invite them to renew the hope for which they've yearned.

Baptize them in my name, confirm them in my Word.
Equip and gird them to proclaim the truth that they have heard.

And teach them to observe the humble grace I give:
the covenant obey, preserve, so that the world may live.

Remember the Good News: God's sacred history,
the presence that sustains, renews for all eternity.

Lo, I am with you now, as in the ages past!
With timeless riches I'll endow a future that will last!

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

WINTER COAT DRIVE

New England Chapel and the Community Closet @FranklinUMC are partnering up to collect new and gently used, washable winter coats for our Franklin-area neighbors. We will be collecting coats from **November 18-December 7**. Coats can be dropped off at the Franklin Fire Department, Franklin UMC, and Hockomock YMCA. On Saturday, December 14, we will be opening the Community Closet and offering a FREE Winter Coat Giveaway from 10a-2p.

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).

COMMUNITY CONCERT

Save the date and plan to join us for a FREE candlelit Community Concert @FranklinUMC with StickMan Blue featuring Kaye Kelly on **Saturday, November 16, at 7pm**.

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 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is set for Sunday, Nov 24th @7pm @ First Universalist Society in Franklin (262 Chestnut Street). This year our Choir will be singing, "Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep" by Irving Berlin and "Saranam" 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 "FUSF". We will alternate Wednesdays and Thursdays to allow the choirs at FUSF and St. Mary's a chance to attend two rehearsals. 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