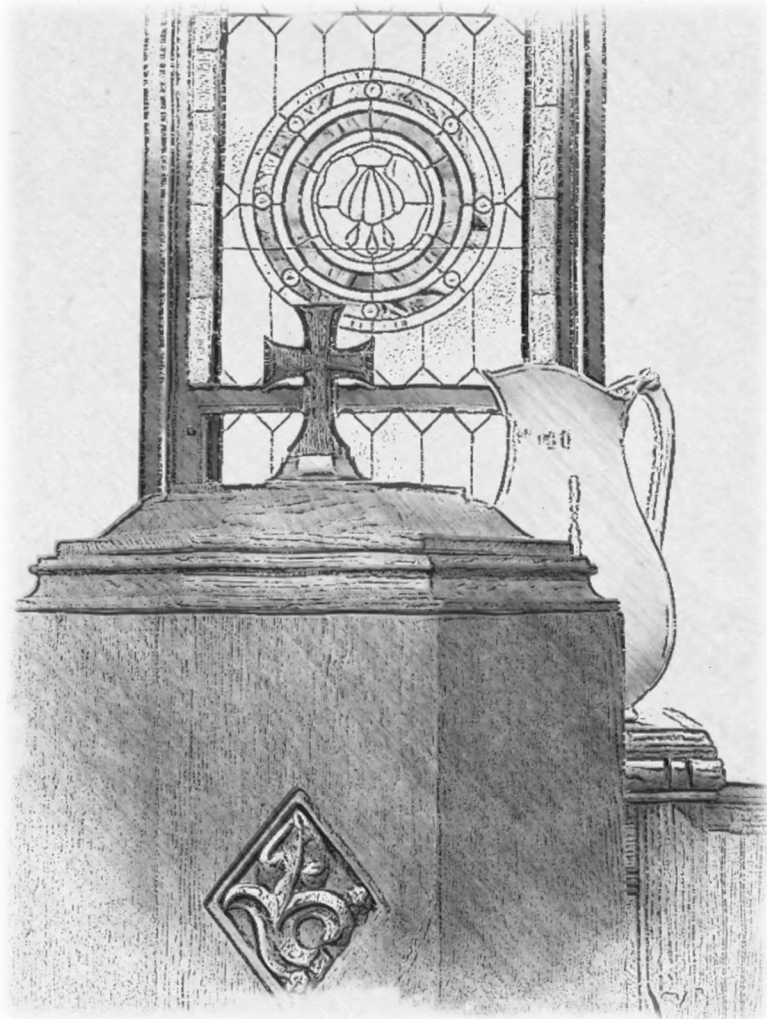


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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The Response

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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

Bless Yahweh, my soul!

Bless God's holy name, all that is in me!

Bless Yahweh, my soul;

And remember all God's kindnesses:

In forgiving all your offenses,

In curing all your diseases,

In redeeming your life from the pit,

In crowning you with love and tenderness,

In filling your years with prosperity,

In renewing your youth like an eagle's.

Yahweh, who does what is right,

is always on the side of the oppressed.

Yahweh is tender and compassionate,

Slow to anger and most loving.

Yahweh never treats us wrongfully,

Never punishes us as our sins deserve.

As tenderly as a parent treats children,

So Yahweh treats those who fear God.

Yahweh knows what we are made

Yahweh remembers we are dust,

A human lasts no longer than grass,

Lives no longer than a wildflower.

Yet Yahweh's love for those who fear God,

Lasts from all eternity and forever,

Like God's goodness to their children's children,

As long as they keep the covenant.

Bless Yahweh, all angels,

Heroes attentive to God's Word.

Bless Yahweh, all nations,

Servants to perform God's will.

Bless Yahweh, all creatures

In every part of the world.

Bless Yahweh, O my soul.

All that is in me bless God's Holy Name.

SONG

“BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL”

No. 209, *UMH* (1989)

1

Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.

2

Now from the house of David a child of grace is given;
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.

3

On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!

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 3:10-4:10

REFLECTION

SONG

“HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER”

No. 560, *UMH* (1989)

1

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

2

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

3

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

4

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

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

“THERE’S A WIDENESS IN GOD’S MERCY”

No. 121, *UMH* (1989)

1

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in God’s justice,
which is more than liberty.

2

There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.

3

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

4

If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God’s word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.

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.

NOVEMBER COLLECTION

This month's Food Pantry collection is 8-10 oz packages of chips or other snacks. At the end of the month all items will be brought over to the Franklin Food Pantry.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Monday November 25 @ 7pm

Online only. Email Pastor Jacob for link jacob@franklinumc.org

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 THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is set for **Sunday, Nov 24th @7pm @** First Universalist Society in Franklin (262 Chestnut St)

COMMUNITY CONCERT- CAROLS, COOKIES & COCOA
Saturday December 7th at 7pm featuring Jamie Barrett

A-WREATH-OF-FRANKLIN | SIP, SHOP, STROLL AND ROLL

Join us for A-Wreath-of-Franklin, a festive community celebration! Local artists, schools, and community members are invited to create their own wreaths! These beautiful wreaths will be paired with local businesses throughout the downtown area. Each display will include a QR code for community members to vote for their favorite wreath.

On December 7th, 12-7pm enjoy a "Sip, Shop, Stroll & Roll" program and support Franklin's local businesses. Don't miss the fun! (Snow date, 12/14, 12-7pm). Sip, Shop Stroll and Roll will offer festive beverages, raffles and life music! More updates to come on what to enjoy!