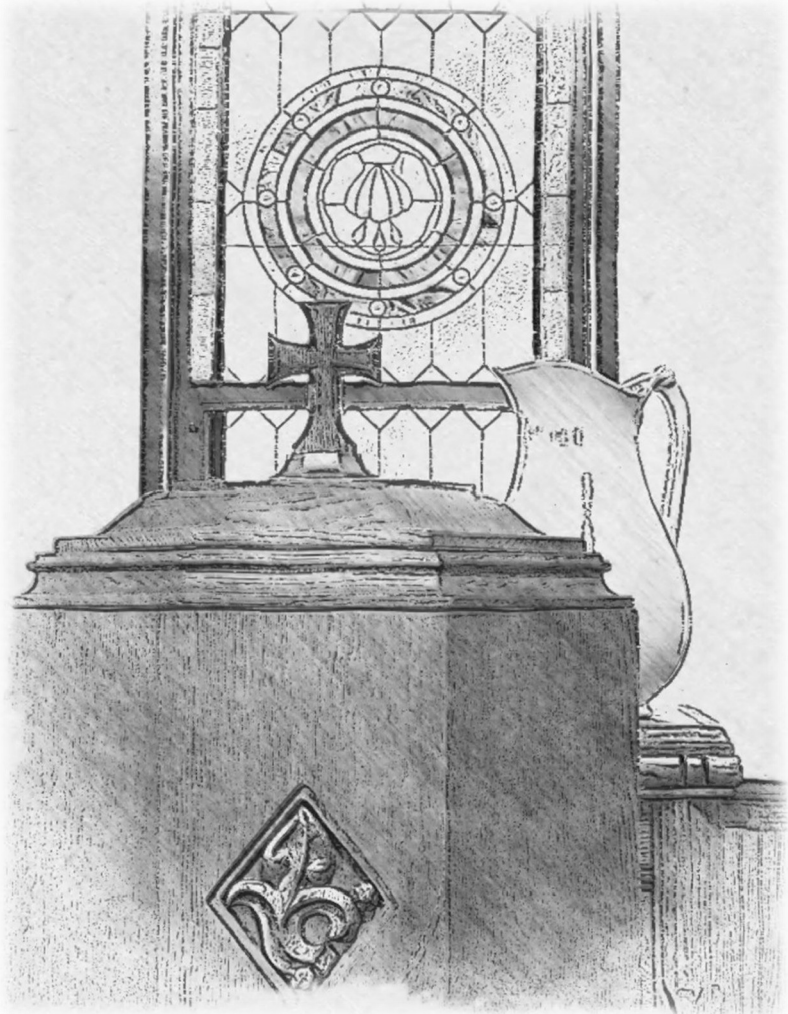


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



A Call to Faithfulness in the Political Community

Sunday February 9, 2025

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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

Put it on! Somebody! Put on God's wardrobe.

Put on God's clothing, with its strength and its power.

PUT IT ON, somebody!

Deck yourself out in God's wear so that you can with stand wickedness.

PUT IT ON, somebody!

Put on God's threads so that you can fight the right fight; not against flesh but against foolishness in foul places.

PUT IT ON, somebody!

Put on the belt of truth so that you can stand.

Put it on!

Put on the jacket of righteousness so that you can stand.

Put it on!

Put on those shoes of peace so that you can stand.

Put 'em on!

Take up that shield of faith to deny the destructive darts of the devil, and stand!

Take it up and put it on!

Put on the hat of salvation so that you can stand. Take hold of that spiritual sword of the Spirit, and stand in God's word.

Put it on!

Clothe yourself in prayer, cover somebody else in prayer.

PUT IT ON, SOMEBODY,

PUT ON GOD'S WARDROBE and STAND!

SONG

“SOLDIERS OF CHRIST ARISE”

No. 513, *UMH* (1989)

1. Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armor on,
strong in the strength which God supplies thru his eternal Son;
strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in his mighty power,
who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.

2. Stand then in his great might, with all his strength endued,
but take to arm you for the fight the panoply of God;
that having all things done, and all your conflicts passed,
ye may o'ercome thru Christ alone and stand entire at last.

3. Pray without ceasing, pray, (your Captain gives the word)
his summons cheerfully obey and call upon the Lord;
to God your every want in instant prayer display,
pray always, pray and never faint, pray, without ceasing pray.

4. From strength to strength go on, wrestle and fight and pray,
tread all the powers of darkness down and win the well-fought day.
Still let the Spirit cry in all his soldiers, "Come!"
till Christ the Lord descends from high and takes the conquerors home.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

COLLECT

EPISTLE READING

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-6
EPHESIANS 6: 10-18

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

SONG

“AM I A SOLDIER OF THE CROSS”
No. 511, *UMH*(1989)

1. Am I a soldier of the cross, a follower of the Lamb,
and shall I fear to own his cause, or blush to speak his name?
2. Must I be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease,
while others fought to win the prize, and sailed through bloody seas?
3. Are there no foes for me to face? Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace, to help me on to God?
4. Sure I must fight, if I would reign; increase my courage, Lord.
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain, supported by thy word.
5. Thy saints in all this glorious war shall conquer, though they die;
they see the triumph from afar, by faith they bring it nigh.
6. When that illustrious day shall rise, and all thy armies shine
in robes of victory through the skies, the glory shall be thine.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us.

Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All pray in silence.

God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving and true, showing mercy to all, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and granting pardon. May God grant us mercy.

May God forgive us all. Amen.

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.

...As the grains and grapes, once dispersed in the fields, are now united on this table in bread and cup, so may we and all your people be gathered from every time and place into the unity of your eternal household and feast at your table for ever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

RESPONSE

“PEACE BE TO THIS CONGREGATION”

Words by Charles Wesley

TUNE: PROMISE (No. 707, *UMH*)

Peace be to this congregation peace to ev'ry soul therein,
peace, which flows from Christ's salvation, peace, the seal of cancelled sin,
peace that speaks its heavenly Giver, peace, to earthly minds unknown,
peace divine that lasts forever here erect its glorious throne.

Jesus, Prince of peace, be near us; fix in all our hearts your home;
with your gracious presence cheer us; let your sacred kingdom come;
raise to heav'n our expectation, give our favored souls to prove
glorious and complete salvation, in the realms of bliss above.

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

HELP PLAN FELLOWSHIP & MEMBERSHIP CARE!

You're invited to join the Fellowship & Membership Care Team as they seek to develop opportunities for the church to fellowship with, support, and care for one another. If you have any questions about this team, or upcoming meetings please contact Inger Anderson

(inger1210@aol.com).

INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH?

You're invited to join the Community Outreach Team as they seek to build bridges between the church, other communities of faith, and the surrounding community. We'll be discussing the Community Closet, Concerts, and Cookouts among other things. If you have any questions about this team or upcoming meetings, please contact Tricia Prewitt

(pptricia198@gmail.com).

FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY COLLECTION

This month we are collecting toothpaste and/or any other personal hygiene items.

BOOK CLUB

February we'll read *The Bird Hotel* by Joyce Maynard. The next meeting will be on **February 11 at 7pm**. The group will meet in a hybrid format at Linda's house 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 **The Chateau, Franklin, on February 19 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.

FRANKLIN SENIOR RIDE ASSISTANCE

Attention Franklin Seniors: Need a Ride?

- Medical Appointments
- Available to Franklin Residents
- Local Errands (Walmart, Market Basket, etc.)
- Must be scheduled 48 hours in advance
- Events at The Senior Center & More

For more information, call Emily at 508-520-4945