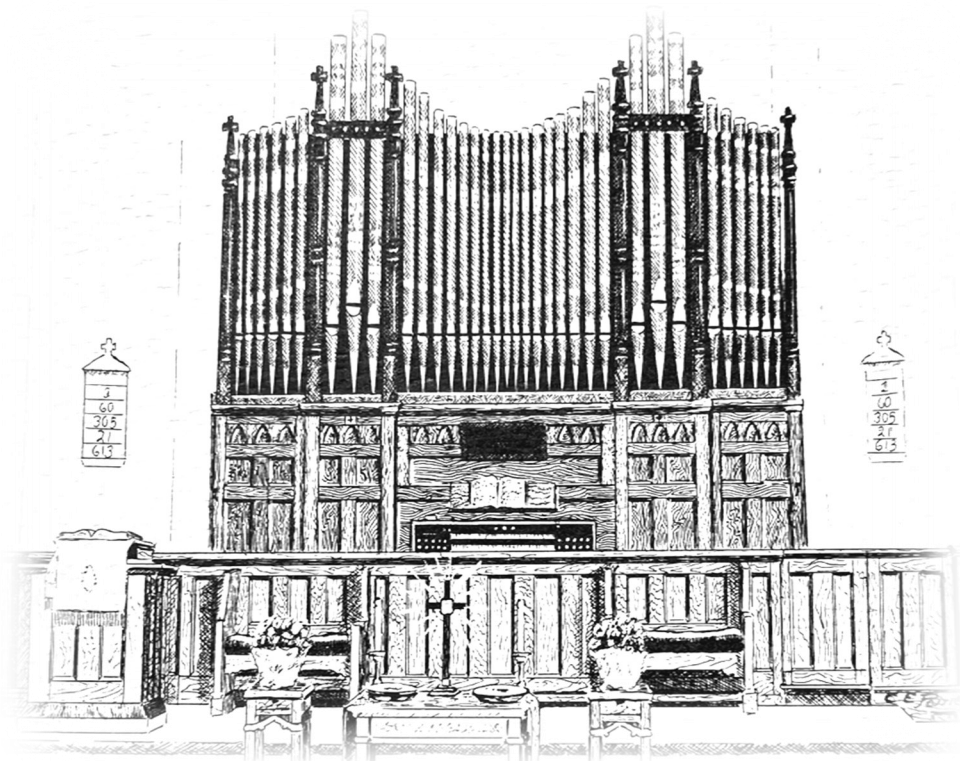


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Resurrection Transformation

Sunday February 23, 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

Christ is risen!

God's love cannot be contained by anything, not even death!

Thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Risen Lord.

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

SONG

“THE STRIFE IS O’ER THE BATTLE DONE”

No. 306, *UMH* (1989)

Antiphon:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun:
Alleluia!
2. The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed;
let shouts of holy joy outburst:
Alleluia!
3. The three sad days are quickly sped;
he rises glorious from the dead;
all glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!
4. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee:
Alleluia!

(Antiphon)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL 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.**

EPISTLE READING

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-21,
35-37, 42-58**

REFLECTION

J Caleb Duarte

SONG

“CHRIST HAS RISEN”

No. 2115, *FWS* (1989)

Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor:
Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people
whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women
bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples
huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
can't be silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen to companion
former friends who fear the night,
sensing loss and limitation
where their faith had once burned bright.
They bemoan what is no longer,
they expect no hopeful sign
till Christ ends their conversation,
breaking bread and sharing wine.

Christ has risen and forever
lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present
making us what he has been
evidence of transformation
in which God is known and seen.

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

“EASTER PEOPLE, RAISE YOUR VOICES”

No. 304, *UMH* (1989)

Easter people raise your voices
Sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us Heaven's choices;
Heavenly music let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us
from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us
to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter,
with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

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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Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

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?

Sunday March 9 after worship

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

March we'll read Ladies Midnight Swimming Club by Faith Hogan. The next meeting will be on **March 11 at 7pm**. The group will meet in a hybrid format or online (<https://meet.goto.com/richp/churchbookclub>), or phone (224-501-3412, access code 789-141-869).

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