

FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Steadfast Love: A Lenten Playlist

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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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, when you are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do you say?

God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?

When threats bombard you from every corner, stealing the security and peace you long for, what do you say?

God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm and you do not know who or what to trust any more, what do you say?

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Because God knows our suffering. God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come home to God and one another.

Come! Let us worship God who hides us in the day of trouble and conceals us together under the cover of the tent of Love.

SONG

“THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS”

No. 138, *UMH* (1989)

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

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Loving God,
We pray for those in our community who are bombarded with troubles, surrounded on all sides by threats to their well-being, their livelihood, and their thriving.

God, be their shelter in the time of storm.

Silence is kept.

We pray for those in our community who long for peace, those who are burnt out, shut out, and ready to hide out because it all feels like too much.

God, be their shelter in the time of storm.

Silence is kept.

We pray for those in our world who can't remember what safety feels like, who, after years of violence and unrest, cannot imagine what a day, a week, a year without fighting would feel like.

God, be their shelter in the time of storm.

Silence is kept.

God, teach us to be your sanctuary in the world. Give us the courage to make peace, extend care, and provide for the thriving of all who wonder how they will even survive.

Help us to be their shelter in the time of storm.

Silence is kept.

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.**

PSALTER

PSALM 27

P. 758, *UMH* (1989)



For with you is the foun-tain of life;
in your light do we see light.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 13:31-35

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

SONG

“THROUGH IT ALL”

No. 507, *UMH* (1989)

Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God;
through it all, through it all,
I've learned to depend upon God's word.

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

“LET THERE BE LIGHT”

No. 440, *UMH* (1989)

Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face.

Open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace.

Perish the sword,
perish the angry judgment,
perish the bombs and hunger,
perish the fight for gain.

Hallow our love,
hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom,
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,
your Spirit turn to language,
your people speak together,
your Spirit never fade.

Let there be light,
open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made.

SENDING

THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

AMEN

No. 2072 (REFRAIN ONLY), *FWS* (2001)

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

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 **Mak's, West Central St, Franklin, on March 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.

COMMUNITY CONCERT

Join us for a FREE Community Concert @FranklinUMC featuring The Padula Bros. Trio on **Saturday, March 22, at 7pm**.

FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY COLLECTION

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

BOOK CLUB

April we'll read *How to Age Disgracefully* by Pooly Clare . The next meeting will be on **April 8 (maybe 7th, TBA) at 6:30 pm**. The group will meet in a hybrid format, at Dawn P's home or online (<https://meet.goto.com/richp/churchbookclub>), or phone (224-501-3412, access code 789-141-869).

CLEANING BASKETS FOR NEW RESIDENTS

The EA Shelter in Franklin is anticipated to close in August. Permanent housing is being secured for each of the roughly 45 families currently living there. As these new residents move to permanent housing, the Franklin Interfaith Council has been asked by the shelter administrator to create cleaning baskets for each of these families. The Franklin UMC is collecting 20 oz. Dishwashing Liquid and 32 oz all-purpose cleaning spray (non-bleach). All donations should be dropped off in the sanctuary by no later than **Sunday March 30**. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jacob or Cynthia Croteau.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT & DONATIONS

The Franklin UMC will host its 4th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, April 20**. Children ages 0-10 are invited to hunt eggs in designated areas separated by age-group. Participants are asked to bring their own basket or bag. Participants will be released to find eggs at 11:15a. Light refreshments and coffee will be served inside the church. If you would like to donate candy and/or small prizes for this event, stuff eggs, or help with refreshments, please contact Dawn Harlow or Pastor Jacob.