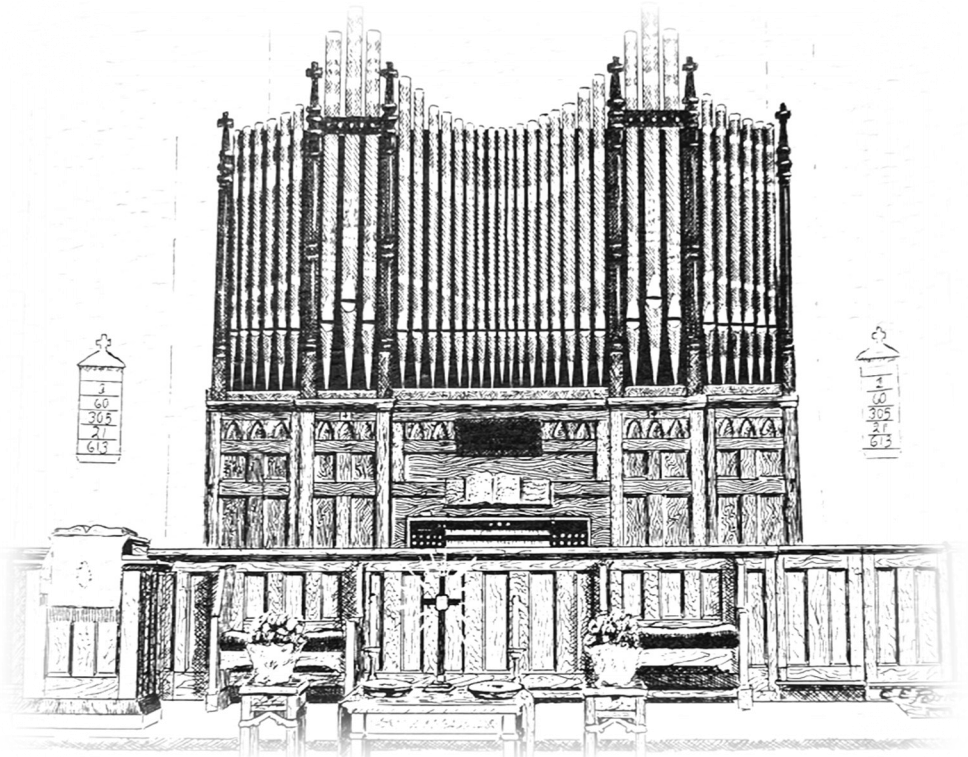


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Transfiguration Sunday
Astounded
Sunday March 2, 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

Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up the mountain and pray. Will you come?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Will you follow when Christ's glory overwhelms your senses, and you sit astounded at God's greatness?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Will you follow when Jesus won't let you stay on the mountaintop, insisting that you return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Disciples, come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and in the eyes of our neighbors.

Come, let us worship God, whose glory shimmers all around us, even now!

SONG

“O SPLENDOR OF GOD’S GLORY BRIGHT”

No. 679, *UMH* (1989)

O splendor of God's glory bright, O thou that bringest light from light;
O Light of light, light's living spring, O day, all days illumining.

O thou true Sun, on us thy glance let fall in royal radiance;
the Spirit's sanctifying beam upon our earthly senses stream.

The Father, too, our prayers implore, Father of glory evermore;
the Father of all grace and might, to banish sin from our delight.

To guide whate'er we nobly do, with love all envy to subdue;
to make ill fortune turn to fair, and give us grace our wrongs to bear.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PSALTER

PSALM 99

SONG

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

No. 64, *UMH* (1989)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 9:28-36, 37-43A

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

SONG

“HERE IS PEACE”

No. 3123, *W&S* (2011)

Here is peace, when grace astounds us quelling all our wild pretense.
Here is peace, shalom and kindness, passion ruled by reasoned sense.

Here is peace, when grace engenders love that neither fades nor ends.
Here is peace when people welcome; enemies become as friends.

Here is peace, when grace surprises ignorance with words of hope.
Here is peace to light our senses; see, God's love has boundless scope.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

CONFESSION & PARDON

If we conceal your love because our pursuit of other priorities
prevents us from seeing and serving people in need:

forgive us, Lord.

If we conceal your glory

because all we reflect is our own self-centeredness:

forgive us, Lord.

If we conceal your truth through our lack of credible witness:

forgive us, Lord.

If we conceal your justice

through our failure to empower those who are powerless:

forgive us, Lord.

If we conceal your mercy

because of our hard and unforgiving attitudes:

forgive us, Lord.

If we conceal your compassion

because of our prejudice and intolerance:

forgive us, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,

cleanse our lives of all shameful attitudes of mind and heart

so that we reveal your glory in and through all we do and say and

are. This we pray in your name and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

It is God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. The good news is that we are not only enlightened by our belief in Christ, we are cleansed and we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! 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 & 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

FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Tuesday March 4 at 5:30

It is customary in some Christian traditions to rid the pantry of sweets before the start of Lent. In some places, this custom included mixing all the sugar and flour in one's pantry to create cakes. We will observe this custom by making pancakes! We hope you'll join us.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday March 5, 7pm

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).

BOOK CLUB

March we'll read Ladies Midnight Swimming Club by Faith Hogan. The next meeting will be on **March 11 at 6:30 pm**. 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).

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.

FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY COLLECTION

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