

# FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT*

## Steadfast Love: A Lenten Playlist

March 9, 2025

# WELCOME TO FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

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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.

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## WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

On this first Sunday in Lent, we join Jesus in the wilderness, a place of wild and dangerous things, of testing and temptation away from the security of home.

**God, rescue us in the wilderness!**

Once again, we watch and listen as Satan throws out temptation upon temptation, and we find our security in Jesus, who does not waver from the truth.

**God rescue us within the wilderness!**

Once again, we face our frailty and realize that the wilderness is not nearly as dangerous as our choices to prioritize selfish gain and hoarding of power.

**God, rescue us through wilderness!**

Once again, we call upon God in the wilderness of our lives, and we trust God's faithful reply:

**Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### SONG

#### “O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST”

No. 117, *UMH* (1989)

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;  
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

### 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.**

**PSALTER**

**“WHOEVER LIVES BESIDE THE LORD” (PSALM 91)**

No. 286, *The Upper Room Worshipbook* (2006)

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has five measures with chords G, C/G, Gmaj7, C/G, and Em. The second system has five measures with chords Em7, Cmaj7, D, G, and Bm. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

1. Who - ev - er lives be - side the Lord, shel - tering  
2. From un - seen dan - ger and dis - ease God will  
3. You will not dread what dark - ness brings — hid - den  
4. A thou - sand may die at your side, thou - sands  
5. God says, “I’ll save from ev - ery harm those who

in the Al - might - y’s shade, shall say, “My God, in  
keep you safe and sure; be - neath his wings a  
dan - ger, dead - ly plague; nor will you fear, in  
more fall close at hand; but with God’s truth for  
know and love my name. In trou - ble I will

Cmaj7      D7/C      Em7/B      Am7      C/G      G

you I trust, my safe - ty, my de - fend - er.”  
 place you'll find, a ref - uge from all dan - ger.  
 day - light hours, the e - vil that sur - rounds you.  
 strength and shield, no threat will ev - er touch you.  
 hon - or them and show them my sal - va - tion.”

**GOSPEL READING**

**LUKE 4:1-13**

*New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

**REFLECTION**

Pastor Jacob

**SONG**

**“NOTHING CAN TROUBLE”**

No. 2054, *FWS* (2001)

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
 Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
 Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
 God alone fills us.

**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

“GO IN PEACE, WALK IN LOVE”

No. 444, W&S *The Upper Room Worshipbook* (2006)

1. Go in peace, walk in love, gen - tle Shep - herd,  
 2. Go in peace, walk in love, Spir - it wings en -  
 3. Go in peace, walk in love. May your path be

*Optional canon*

3. Go in peace, walk in love.

guide us. Through the calm, through the storm,  
 fold us. Ho - ly Dove, keep us safe;  
 pleas - ant till we meet, meet a - gain.

May your path be pleas - ant till we meet,

Shep - herd, walk be - side us.  
 strength-en and up - hold us.  
 God is ev - er - pres - ent.

meet a - gain. God is ev - er - pres - ent.

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!

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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](mailto:inger1210@aol.com)).

## INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH?

### Today 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.