

FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OPEN THE GATES



PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Who comes this way?

People: I wonder who is he?

Liturgist: They say he is the Christ.

Pastor: That means Messiah,

People: That means the Anointed One, the Savior, the...

All: King

Liturgist: Who comes this way?

People: Is it really him?

I want him to beat the Romans

and save us from poverty and hunger.

Pastor: Is he victorious? Is he powerful? Is he scary?

Liturgist: Where is he from Greece? Rome? Jerusalem?

Franklin? Bellingham? Wrentham?

People: They say he comes from Bethlehem

and grew up in Nazareth and Galilee.

Pastor: "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?"

People: Who comes this way?

Liturgist: Who is he? Why are we cheering him on?

Is he good or bad? He must be rich to get such praise.

Pastor: Stop waving that branch in my face!

Move away! Let me see around this parade.

Put me on your shoulders. I need a higher glimpse of him.

I just want to see his face and then I will know who he is,

let me see...

People: Wait!

Liturgist: Wait!

People: It is only a man.

Liturgist: And he is just on a donkey, no conquering steed.

Pastor: It is only a man, what is so great about him?

People: Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest!

Liturgist: Hosanna means "save us" and "we pray"

Pastor: But who is this man that will save us?

All: Who comes this way?

SONG

“WHO IS HE”
No. 3082, *FWS* (2011)

Who is he who comes in triumph? Who is he who comes to die,
comes in peace and comes in power, hidden One now lifted high?
Jesus, Jesus, Lord Messiah, mighty Master of the grave!
See him ride, the King of glory! God himself has come to save!

See him there in humble splendor. Hear them shouting all around.
Joy explodes in wild procession. Praise is now the victor’s crown.
“Glory, glory in the highest!” Like the angels hear them sing,
dancing ‘round the Long-awaited- once their hope, and now their King.

Rise and join the glad procession! Hear them passing by again
all the ransomed, all his children, marching to Jerusalem!
Look ahead the gates of splendor! Hear the everlasting hymn!
Open wide your hearts in worship! Let the King of glory in!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 118:1-2,19-29

SONG

“THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD”
Words & Music by Edith McNeil

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new ev’ry morning, new ev’ry morning,
Great is thy faithfulness, O Lord,
Great is thy faithfulness, O Lord,
Great is thy faithfulness.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 19:28-40

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

SONG

“PLEASE ENTER MY HEART, HOSANNA”

No. 2154, *FWS* (2001)

Please enter my heart, hosanna. O please lead my life today.
Gentle Lamb of God, the Christ, the anointed one,
won't you enter my heart today?

O please hear my prayer hosanna, these words that I need to say.
Gentle Lamb of God, the Christ, the anointed one,
won't you enter my heart to stay?

O come, Jesus, come. Hosanna! Hosanna! O come, Jesus, come today.

Please enter my heart, hosanna. O please lead my life today.
Gentle Lamb of God, the Christ, the anointed one,
won't you enter my heart today?

O please hear my prayer hosanna, these words that I need to say.
Gentle Lamb of God, the Christ, the anointed one,
won't you enter my heart to stay?

O come, Jesus, come. Hosanna! Hosanna!

O come, Jesus, come. Hosana! Hosana!

O come, Jesus come today, come to stay

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

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

No. 160, *UMH* (1989)

Rejoice, ye pure in heart;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:

*Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks and sing.*

Your clear hosannas raise,
and alleluias loud;
whilst answering echoes upward float,
like wreaths of incense cloud. [*Refrain*]

Yes, on through life's long path,
still chanting as ye go;
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe. [*Refrain*]

At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their heavenly home,
Jerusalem the blest. [*Refrain*]

Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
one God forevermore. [*Refrain*]

LAYING DOWN OUR PALM BRANCHES

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

APRIL FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: cookies & crackers **HELP STUFF EASTER EGGS TODAY**

Join us after worship to prep for next week's egg hunt!

BOOK CLUB

April we'll read *How to Age Disgracefully* by Pooly Clare . The next meeting will be on **Monday April 14 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>), phone (224-501-3412, access code 789-141-869).

LUNCH BUNCH

The next gathering will be at **Longhorn, Franklin Village on April 16 at 12 PM**. All are welcome. Please notify Nancy Boates by phone 508-654-2833 or email NancyBoates49@ hotmail.com by 10 am if attending.

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.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

We reached our collection goal of 45 bottles of cleaning spray! Now it's time to assemble the baskets. **Wednesday, April 23rd 10am - 11:30am** at First Universalist Society in Franklin. Please join the Franklin Interfaith Council to assemble and deliver "Welcome Baskets" filled with donated household supplies to the Franklin Family Shelter. The shelter is set to close this summer and each departing family will receive a basket to welcome them into their new residences. This is a wonderful opportunity and we look forward to serving with you! Please show up as close to 10am as possible. Assembly will likely only take 30 minutes and then we will load baskets into our cars and deliver them to the shelter together!

COMMUNITY CONCERT: MICHAEL RIVELIS

Saturday, April 26, at 7pm.

Michael moved to the Boston Metro area after graduating from Northeastern in 1984. For over 15 years, he's been performing Folk Rock and Classic Rock hits from the '60s to the '90s, including songs by Bob Dylan, John Prine, The Beatles, Bruce Springsteen, and more. . Michael has played at numerous benefits, pubs, and bars, and has hosted open mics throughout the Metro West area.

2025 COMMUNITY COOKOUTS SCHEDULED!

The Franklin UMC is excited to announce dates for the 2025 Community Cookouts—**June 28, July 26, August 23, and September 27!** Free burgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be served from 5:30-6:30p in the grassy area behind the church. Vegetarian options will be made available. All are invited. In case of rain, these events are cancelled. To learn more, go to franklinumc.org/community/cookouts.