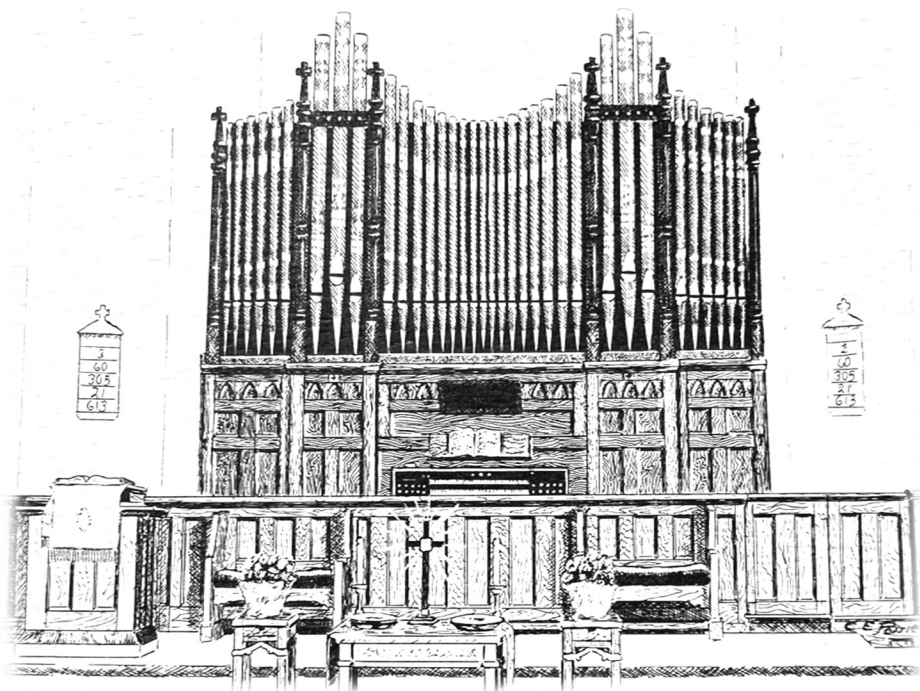


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Who Do We Choose To Be? The Arrow of Time

May 4, 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

We don't always know what time it is,
 but according to Jesus, it is time to watch.
We're not always sure what we should wear,
 but according to the Spirit, we should wear
 garments of Light.
We're not always sure what we should do,
 But according to God, we should always seek
 good for those around us.

SONG

“I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT”

No. 206, *UMH* (1989)

I want to walk as a child of the light;
 I want to fol-low Je-sus.
God set the stars to give light to the world;
 The star of my life is Je-sus.

Refrain

*In him there is no dark-ness at all;
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the ci-ty of God;
Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.*

I want to see the bright-ness of God;
 I want to look at Je-sus.
Clear Sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path,
 And show me the way to the Fa-ther.

Refrain

I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ;
 I want to be with Je-sus.
When we have run with pa-tience the race,
 We shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

ROMANS 13:8-14

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

SONG

“LIGHT OF THE WORLD”

No. 2204, FWS (2001)

You are the Light of the World, oh, Lord
And You make Your servant shine
So how could there be any darkness in me
If You are the Light of the World?
You are the Light of the World

You are the Bread of Life, oh, Lord
Broken to set us free
So how could there be any hunger in me
If You are the Bread of Life?
You are the Bread of Life

You've overcome the world, oh, Lord
And given us victory
So why could I fear when trouble is near
If you've overcome the world?
You've overcome the world

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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.**

... By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, al
mighty 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 AND 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

MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Baking Goods: Baking items such as flour, sugar, baking soda/powder, frosting, cake, cookie, brownie mixes, assorted extracts. All food will be delivered to the Franklin Food Pantry at the end of the month.

BOOK CLUB

For May we'll read *Beyond That, the Sea* by Laura Spence-Ash. The next meeting will be on **Monday May 12 at 6:30 pm**. The group will meet in a hybrid format, at Linda'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 **Outback Steak House, Bellingham on May 21 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.

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 available. All are invited. In case of rain, these events are cancelled. To learn more, go to franklinumc.org/community/cookouts.

COMMUNITY CLOSET

Looking for a closet refresh - or shopping for those with a need ? The generosity of our community and the staffing by volunteers helps us provide pre-loved and new clothing to all. The closet is now open every Tuesday 11a-1p. You can sign up to volunteer at franklinumc.org/volunteer.

FISH OF FRANKLIN SEEKS VOLUNTEERS:

FISH of Franklin's mission is helping Franklin residents get to their medical appointments. Volunteers are needed to either answer telephone requests from those needing rides and volunteers willing to drive clients to medical appointments once a month. If you are interested in volunteering for FISH, call 508-528-2121, leave a message and a member of the Steering Committee will return your call.