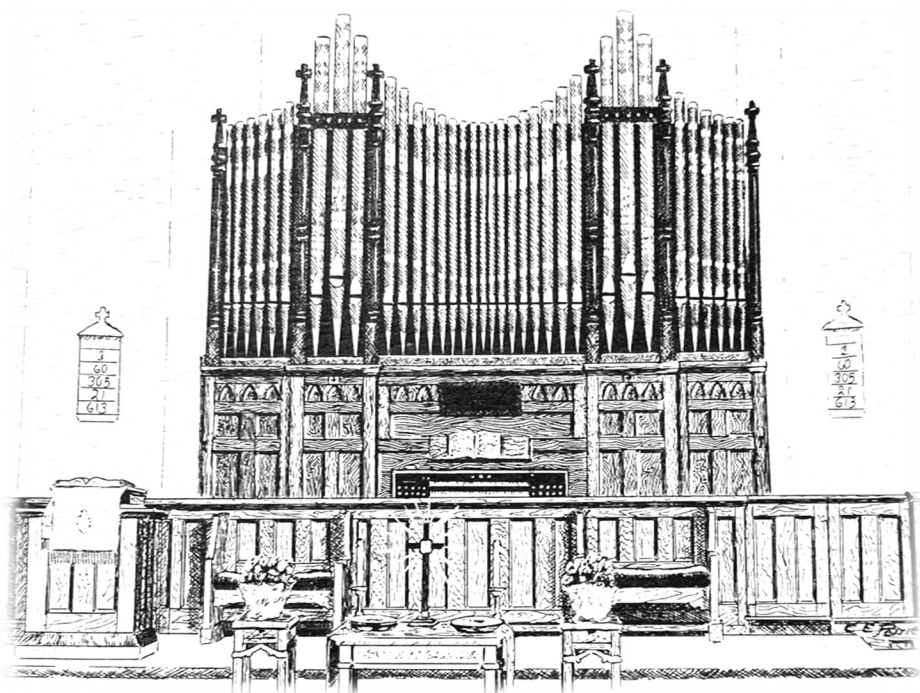


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Who Do We Choose To Be? Information

May 18, 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

Our leaders always fail us.

Follow Christ, our Lord, our King.

Our leaders always let us down.

Follow Christ, our Lord, our King.

Our leaders always lose their way.

Follow Christ, our Lord, our King.

SONG

“COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING”

No. 61, *UMH* (1989)

Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, thou incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend!
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence, evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!

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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 18:33-38

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

SONG

“OUR LORD, YOU STOOD IN PILATE’S HALL”

Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Tune: AZMON (*UMH* 57, “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”)

Our Lord, you stood in Pilate's hall,
His judgment to endure.
Yet all he ruled would one day fall;
You reign forevermore!

You are our King and yet you said
It's not by sword or might;
Where truth is lived and love is spread,
Your reign comes into sight.

Where people live in deep despair,
Forgotten, hurt, alone,
We hear their urgent, whispered prayer:
"When will your reign be known?"

And where your Christian church today
Is mighty, rich and strong,
Lord, may we not forget your Way,
Nor lose your kingdom's song.

"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done"
Not just in heaven above;
May we on earth obey your Son,
Who reigns o'er all in love.

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

"LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL"

No. 580, *UMH* (1989)

Lead on, O King eternal,
the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
thy grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal,
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might.

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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Allen Smith, Chair of Personnel Committee
John Milot, Chair of Resource Committee
Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

ALL CHURCH MEETING TODAY

Following worship today (May 18, 2025) there will be an all-church meeting to discuss progress on our Phase II Capital Campaign, vote to receive the provisional grant from the Town of Franklin's Community Preservation Fund, and vote on moving forward with Phase III of the Campaign. Those wishing to participate online may do so by using the Google Meet link used for worship.

All are encouraged to attend this important meeting and participate in the discussion. Members present may vote. If you cannot make it, you can send your comments to Pastor Jacob and/or Linda Zardeskas; however, there should be no expectation that the comments will be read at the meeting nor will the comments be considered as a vote.

VOICES OF FAITH CONCERT, MAY 18

The Franklin Interfaith Council is facilitating its "Voices of Faith" Concert on **Sunday, May 18 at 7p at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** (91 Jordan Road, Franklin). Join the FIC as we hear music from the Interfaith Council and many of the traditions that participate on the Council. This is a FREE event, open to the public. All are welcome.

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.

LUNCH BUNCH

The next gathering will be at **Outback Steak House, Bellingham on Wednesday, 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.

BOOK CLUB

For June we'll read *Cher: Part 1: The Memoir*. The next meeting will be on **Monday June 9 at 6:30 pm**. The group will meet in a hybrid format, at Nancy's home or online (<https://meet.goto.com/richp/churchbookclub>), phone (224-501-3412, access code 789-141-869).

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.