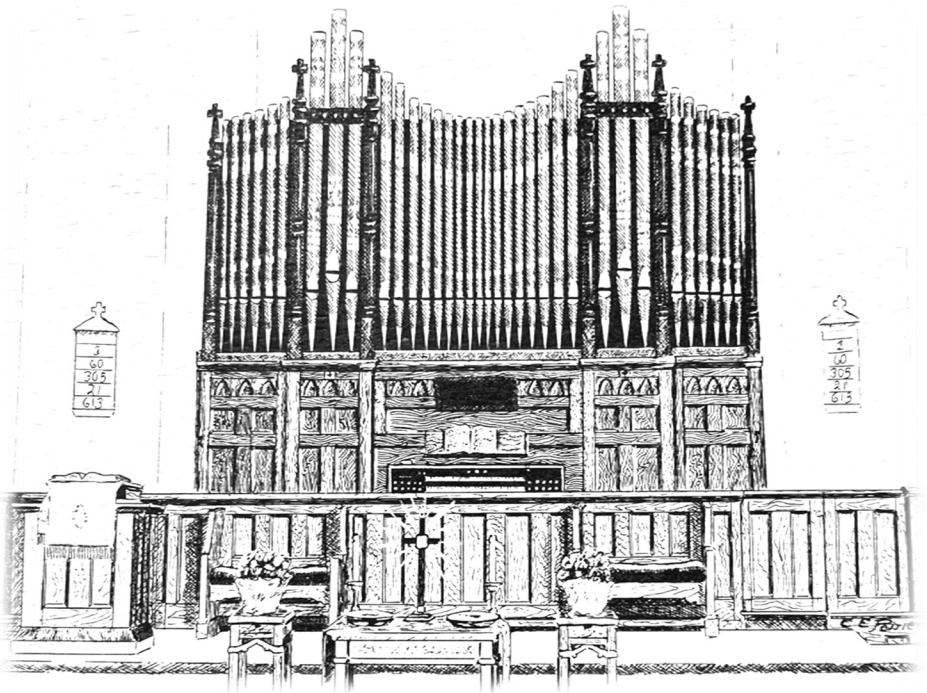


# FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Who Do We Choose To Be?

# Interconnectedness

June 1, 2025

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# 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**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you are called:

**We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone,  
so we gather as God's people.**

Lead a life worthy of your calling, a life filled with service  
and meekness.

**We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and  
gentleness, with patience and love.**

Lead a life which reflects your calling, that life of peace  
grounded in the Spirit.

**We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we would share the  
grace offered to us.**

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

**We gather as God's family at the Table prepared for us,  
waiting to be fed by the Bread of Life.**

**SONG**

**"ONE BREAD, ONE BODY"**

No. 620, *UMH* (1989)

*Refrain:*

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the works,  
One in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all. *Refrain*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

## SCRIPTURE READING

EPHESIANS 4:25– 5:2

## REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

## SONG

### “ALL PRAISE TO OUR REDEEMING LORD”

No. 554, *UMH* (1989)

All praise to our redeeming Lord, who joins us by his grace,  
and bids us, each to each restored, together seek his face.

He bids us build each other up; and, gathered into one,  
to our high calling's glorious hope we hand in hand go on.

The gift which he on one bestows, we all delight to prove,  
the grace through every vessel flows in purest streams of love.

E'en now we think and speak the same, and cordially agree,  
concentered all, through Jesus' name, in perfect harmony.

We all partake the joy of one; the common peace we feel,  
a peace to sensual minds unknown, a joy unspeakable.

And if our fellowship below in Jesus be so sweet,  
what height of rapture shall we know when round his throne we meet!

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, as your followers we are called to be people shaped by your sacrificial life— a life that is so much at odds with the accepted me-first lifestyle of our day. We confess how easy it is to be drawn into this way of being. We need your constant help to make our behaviour consistent with yours.

Forgive us when our words have been less than truthful—  
**inform us with your Spirit so that we speak the truth—your Truth—at all times.**

Forgive us for using anger to manipulate and to control—  
**direct us with your Spirit that we might handle our anger responsibly.**

Forgive us when our action have lacked total integrity—  
**mould us with your Spirit so that all our dealings are carried out honestly and ethically.**

Forgive us when our words have been thoughtless and offhand—  
**instruct us with your Spirit so that our words truly bring grace to those who hear.**

Renew us with your Spirit  
**so that our words and actions bring you pleasure and not pain.**

Sung Refrain (UMH 393, "Spirit of the Living God")

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Fall afresh on us, Spirit of the Living God, and make our lives  
true reflections of Jesus' life, so that we live, love, forgive,  
and live as fully for others as he did.

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS**

We are enabled to be kind to one another, to be tenderhearted,  
to forgive one another, and to be forgiven,  
because Jesus feeds us with his life.

A life given to save us from sin. Here, then, the good news:  
those who are in Christ are a new creation,  
the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **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, 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 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!

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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

### MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Gluten Free Items such as "shelf stable" cereals, crackers or cookies. All food will be delivered to the Franklin Food Pantry at the end of the month.

### 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).

### SPRING FASHION FLING

#### **Friday June 13 4pm-8pm Rain or Shine**

Looking for a closet refresh - or shopping for those with a need ? Come and find some new-to-you items to refresh your summer wardrobe. Shop from 4-8pm on Friday June 13 during the Strawberry Festival. Volunteers can sign up at [franklinumc.org/volunteer](http://franklinumc.org/volunteer) or your MyOffering slip.

### 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](http://franklinumc.org/community/cookouts).

### 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.

### MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Franklin Meals on Wheels office is looking for onsite volunteers, weekday mornings at the church. Meals on Wheels provides nutritious meals to in-need, homebound seniors in Franklin, Bellingham, Blackstone, and Medway. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Jeanne (Monday through Friday, 10a-1p) by phone at [508-520-1422](tel:508-520-1422).