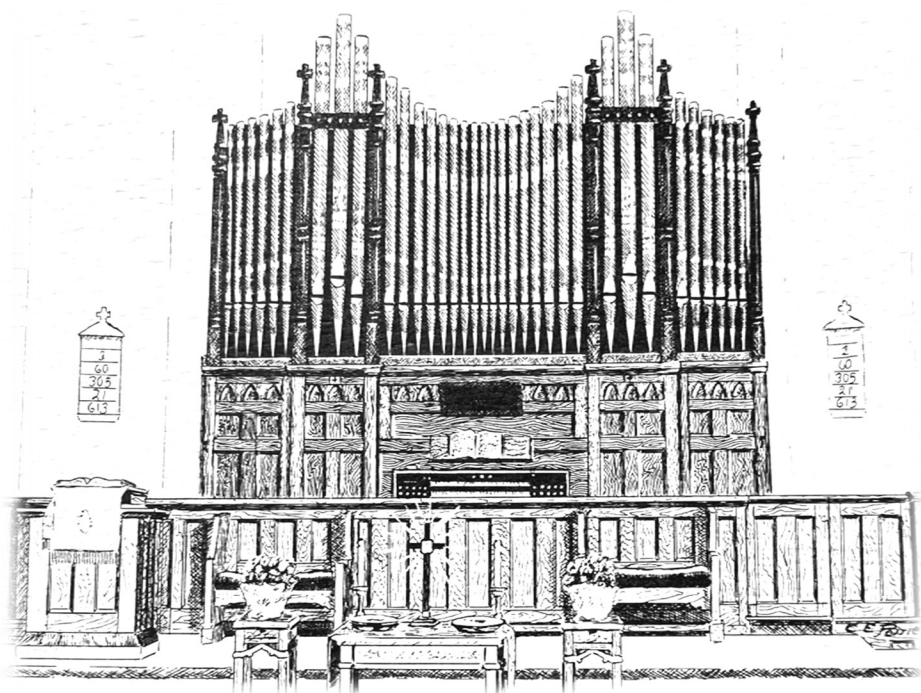


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Who Do We Choose To Be? Emergence

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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

When the world divides us:

Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

When the world calls us orphaned:

Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

When the world leads us astray:

Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Come and fill this place!

SONG

“SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT”

No. 334, *UMH* (1989), sing twice

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when
we shall leave this place.*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
SILENT PRAYER
PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE READING
REFLECTION
SONG

ACTS 2:1-21

Pastor Jacob

“AS A FIRE IS MEANT FOR BURNING”

No. 2237, FWS (2001)

As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions, we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit, we would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime is the sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
SONG

“SPIRIT SONG”

No. 347, *The UMH* (1989)

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain:

Jesus, O Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. (*Refrain*)

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 forever. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

No. 3070, W&S (2011)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,
your will be done

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil,

for the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

SONG

“THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE”

No. 2241, *FWS* (2001)

The spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free:
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace,
the Gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.

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

This month we will be collecting cereals for the Food Pantry. All types are needed but gluten-free are always in demand. All boxes 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? 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 or the MyOffering slip in your bulletin.

LUNCH BUNCH

The next gathering will be at **Cracker Barrell at the Wrentham Outlets, on Wednesday, June 18 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.

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).