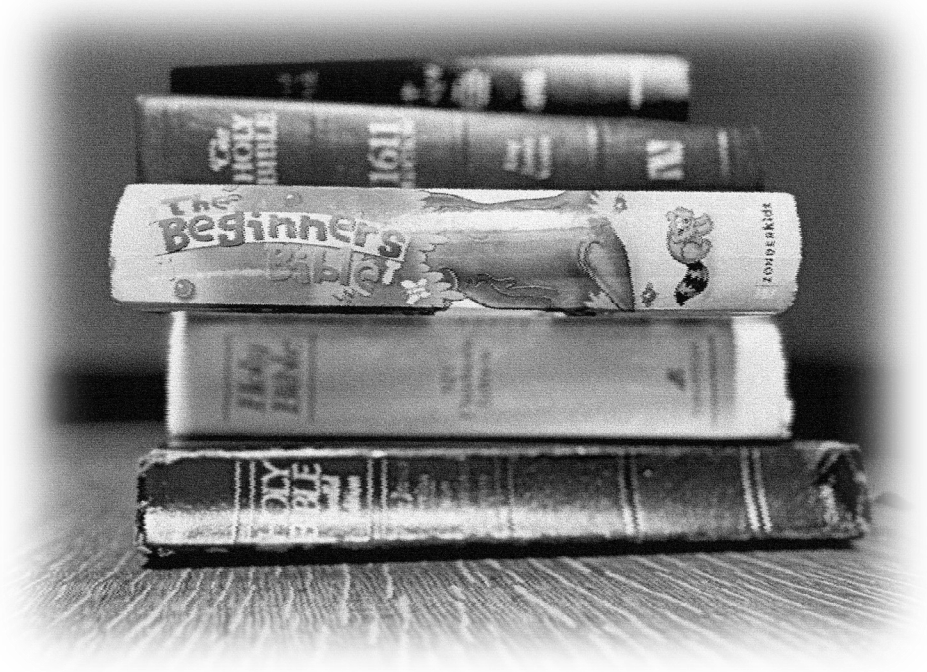


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Stories of Faith

Jesus Goes to Heaven

June 22, 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 have come to worship God, the living God,
who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
**who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power
of love and grace.**

We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,
**who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the
Word of life and hope. All glory be to God!**

SONG

“EASTER ALLELUIA”

No. 3088, W&S (2011)

1.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to God who does wondrous things,
Let all the people God's praises now sing,
all of creation in splendour shall ring: Alleluia!

2.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
See how salvation for all has been won,
Up from the grave our new life has begun,
life now perfected in Jesus, the Son: Alleluia!

3.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Now in our presence the Lord will appear,
Shine in the faces of all of us here,
fill us with joy and cast out all our fear: Alleluia!

4.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Call us, Good Shepherd, we listen for you,
Wanting to see you in all that we do,
we would the gate of salvation pass through: Alleluia!

5.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, we are open to all that you say,
Ready to listen and follow your way,
you are the potter and we are the clay: Alleluia!

6.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
If we have love, then we dwell in the Lord,
God will protect us from fire and sword,
fill us with love and the peace of his word: Alleluia!

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

REFLECTION

JESUS GOES TO HEAVEN

Pastor Jacob

SONG

“HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE”

No. 312, *UMH*(1989)

1.

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!

2.

There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!

3.

See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!

4.

See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia!
See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!

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**

“O LORD, OUR LORD”

Words: F. Richard Garland, 2007

TUNE: LOBE DEN HERREN (UMH 139, “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”)

1.

O Lord, our Lord, your light shines from the depths of creation.
Your glory soars from the angels in their jubilation.
How can we stand, save by the grace of your hand?
Show us the way to salvation.

2.

You trusted us with dominion by sharing your vision.
In faithfulness you have offered so great a commission.
Call us to care! Teach us your richness to share!
Help us to claim our own mission.

3.

Thus, to begin a new season of serving with reverence,
our own no longer, we honor your word with obedience.
Your covenant calls us to go where we're sent:
witness to your loving presence!

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

COMMUNITY CLOSET: NEW HOURS!

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 12p-2p. You can shop or sign up to volunteer at franklinumc.org/volunteer.

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.

2025 COMMUNITY COOKOUTS SCHEDULED!

SATURDAY JUNE 28

The Franklin UMC is excited to announce dates for the 2025 Community Cookouts: **June 28, July 26, August 23, & 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.

INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH?

Sunday, July 13 after worship

You're invited to join the Community Outreach Team as they seek to build bridges between the church, other communities of faith, and the surrounding community. We'll be discussing the Community Closet, Concerts, and Cookouts among other things. If you have any questions about this team or upcoming meetings, please contact Tricia Prewitt (pptricia198@gmail.com).

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).