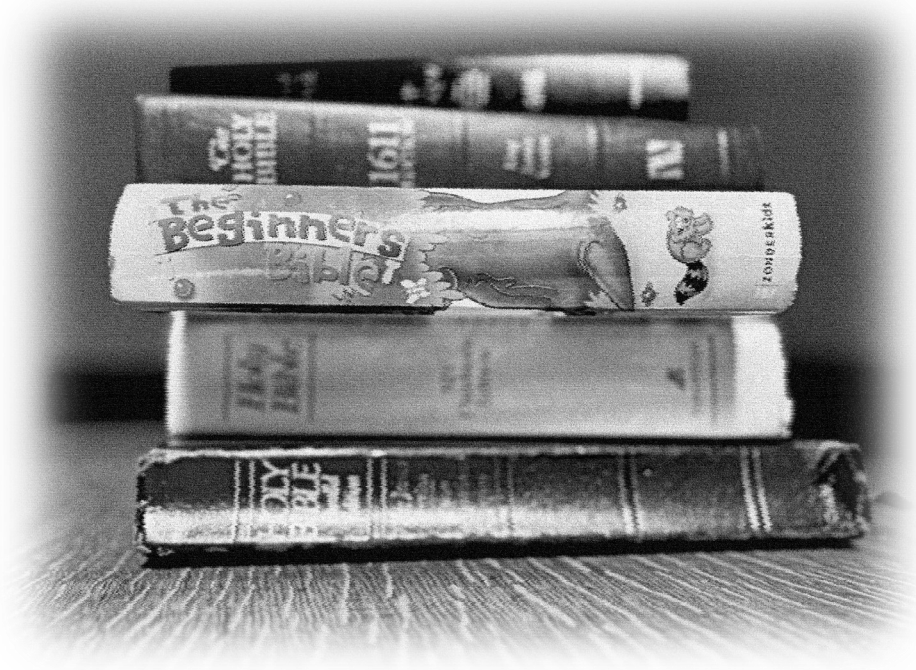


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Happy are the people who serve God.

**Blessed is the nation, the people, the community
whose God is the Lord.**

Let us pray.

**Loving God,
we gather to praise and worship you
and to pledge to you our loyalty and our service.
Bless our gathering and our remembering,
our hearing and our speaking,
that all honor and glory may be yours.**

**Bless us that we may be a blessing—
a blessing to you, to our community,
to our nation, and to our world.
We ask it in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SONG

“BE A BLESSING”

Words: Johnson Oatman, Jr., 1902

Tune: Anthony Johnson Showalter

1.

Would you be a sunbeam filled with Heaven's light,
Shedding forth its beauty over scenes of night?
In this world of sorrow, sickness, sin and woe,
Try to be a blessing everywhere you go.

Refrain

*Be a blessing on life's weary mile,
Be a blessing with a word or smile;
Be a blessing everywhere the same;
Try to be a blessing in the Master's name.*

2.

Where the tears are falling and the hearts sad,
Take some Gospel message that will make them glad;
Strive to give them comfort by some loving deed,
Try to be a blessing in the time of need.

Refrain

3.

Just a cup of water for the Master's sake
May sweet chords of music in some bosom wake;
Seek to help some pilgrim t'ward the golden land,
Try to be a blessing, both with voice and hand.

Refrain

4.

If you follow Jesus all along life's way,
You will help to brighten every hour and day:
Would you shine in glory brighter than the sun?
Try to be a blessing till your work is done.

Refrain

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

ELISHA'S ROOM
from *The Beginner's Bible*

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

SONG

“MAKE ME A BLESSING”
No. 670, *The Celebration Hymnal* (1997)

1.

Out in the highways and byways of life,
Many are weary and sad.
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,
Making the sorrowing glad.

Refrain

*Make me a blessing; make me a blessing.
Out of my life may Jesus shine.
Make me a blessing, O Savior I pray.
Make me a blessing to someone today.*

2.

Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love;
Tell of His pow'r to forgive.
Others will trust Him if only you prove
True every moment you live.

Refrain

3.

Give as 'twas given to you in your need;
Love as the Master loved you.
Be to the helpless a helper indeed;
Unto your mission be true.

Refrain

**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**

“SENT FORTH BY GOD’S BLESSING”

No. 664, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God’s grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God’s kingdom and answer the call.

2.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God’s children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear

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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Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

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 signup to volunteer at franklinumc.org/volunteer.

MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

It's summer! Assorted chips 8-10 oz or assorted cookies 8-12 oz. are asked for by the Franklin Food Pantry. Everything will be delivered to the Pantry at the end of the month. Thank you!

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).

2025 COMMUNITY COOKOUTS SCHEDULED!

The Franklin UMC is excited to announce dates for the 2025 Community Cookouts: **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.