

THE BULLETIN

FRANKLIN UMC

WEEK OF SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026 || LENT4, YEAR A

lections

Readings for this week

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

PSALM 23

EPHESIANS 5:8-14

JOHN 9:1-41 (selected verses below)

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he..."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind...²⁴and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man [Jesus] is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

reflections

What is sin? How would you define sin? What is the consequence of sin?

Have you ever thought (or heard others say) that bad things happen because they "must have done something wrong" (i.e. sinned)? What do you make to line of thought? Is that how you believe sin works?

Read John 9:1-41. How is sin understood? When people are accused of sin in this passage, how is it defined?

Who does Jesus say sinned (see 9:39-41)? How is Jesus defining sin in these verses?

worship

Sunday at 10am in-person in-the-sanctuary and via Google Meet, also livestreaming/archived on YouTube

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul

Lead us, O God, on paths of righteousness for your namesake.

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

No. 2012, *The Faith We Sing* (2011)

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (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.

READ

REFLECT

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

No. 3104, *Worship & Song* (2011)

GIVE

No. 95, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

No. 2214, *The Faith We Sing* (2011)

GO IN PEACE

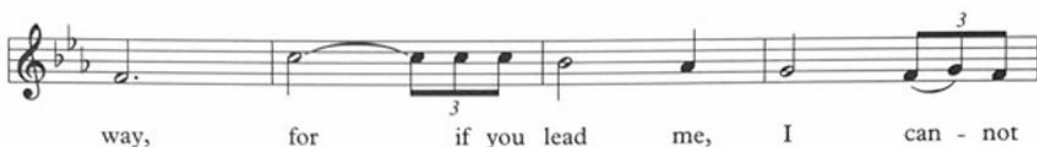
NEWS & EVENTS

FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WEEK OF SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain



1. I am weak and I need thy strength and power to
2. Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness, Be my
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am



help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am
blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just



through the dark - ness thy face to see,
put - ting all my trust in thee.
al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me. _____
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. _____
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. _____

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is reading *The House Maid* by Freida McFadden. The next meeting is Monday April 13th at 6:30 pm. The group will meet in a hybrid format. For the address and link, view the group's page in Realm Connect.

COMMUNITY CONCERT: The Shams

Saturday March 21st at 7pm
The Shams are an Irish Pub Band comprised of several Franklin residents. This is a free event and all are welcome to attend.

LUNCH BUNCH

We will be on March 18th at Mak's Roast Beef in Franklin. All are welcome. Please notify Nancy B by phone or email by 10 am if attending.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 10am
Holy Thursday Potluck 5:30pm
Good Friday 7pm
Easter Sunday 10am
Easter Egg Hunt 11:15am

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT & DONATIONS

The Franklin UMC will host its 4th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 5. Children ages 0-10 are invited to hunt eggs in designated areas separated by age-group. Participants are asked to bring their own basket or bag. Participants will be released to find eggs at 11:15a. Light refreshments and coffee will be served inside the church. If you would like to donate candy and/or small prizes for this event, stuff eggs, or help with refreshments, please contact Dawn Harlow or Pastor Jacob.