

THE BULLETIN

FRANKLIN UMC

WEEK OF SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026 || RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, YEAR A

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lections

Readings for this week

ACTS 10:34-43
JEREMIAH 31:1-6
COLOSSIANS 31:1-4
MATTHEW 28:1-10

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; **go and tell my brothers and sisters** to go to Galilee; **there they will see me.**”

reflections

When the guards saw the angel of the Lord, they “shook and became like dead men” (see Matt. 28:4). They did not die. How shook do you think they were? What story do you think they told their commander when reporting back the incident? Do you think the commander believed the soldiers’ report?

The angel of the Lord tells Mary Magdalene and “the other Mary” to go and tell the disciples that Jesus has been raised. How would you share that news? Would you be matter of fact? How would you deal with the other disciples’ questions and disbelief?

Jesus tells Mary and the other Mary to tell the others to meet him in Galilee. Where do you tell others they can meet the risen Christ?

worship

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

God has transformed a dead end into a new start!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

No. 302, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

PRAY

READ

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hailey Morin (Vocalist) & Deklan Morin (Piano)

REFLECT

“He Lives”

No. 310, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Responses can be found beginning on page 15 of *The United Methodist Hymnal* (“A Service of Word and Table III”).

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

No. 304, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

GO IN PEACE

NEWS & EVENTS

FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER THE SERVICE

Please stay after the service for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! 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.

DEFINING OUR GENERATION

The Franklin UMC has embarked on an ambitious capital improvement campaign that seeks to make our historic facility more accessible, usable for the community, and better adapted to ministry in the 21st century. Thanks to member pledges, community gifts and grants from the Town of Franklin and CHNA-6, work on Phases II, III, and IV have begun! To learn more and make your contribution, go to <https://franklinumc.org/defining/>.

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 at Linda's. For the address and link, view the group's page in Realm Connect.

LUNCH BUNCH

We will meet on April 15th at Medway Café, 74 main St, Medway. All are welcome. Please notify Nancy B by phone or email by 10 am if attending.

FOOD PANTRY

This month we will be collecting bagged chips, cookies and crackers, 8-12 oz packs. All items will be brought over to the Franklin Food Pantry at the end of the month. Thank you!

REALM CONNECT

The Franklin UMC uses a church management and communication database called Realm. Realm Connect is your personalized portal into the life of the church—a place where you can connect with other people and groups, keep up with what's going on, and manage your personal information so that together we can grow as a more connected community. Realm Connect is accessible by computer and a downloadable app. If you need a login to Realm Connect and/or instructions on how to use it, email the office@franklinumc.org.

PASTOR'S STUDY

The Pastor's Bible Study meets Wednesday evenings via Google Meet to discuss the scripture readings and themes coming up in worship. All are welcome and invited to attend. The Google Meet link can be found on the Church Calendar, in Realm Connect, or by emailing the office@franklinumc.org.

Easter Flower Dedications

Given By:

Inger Anderson
Nancy Boates
Patricia Prewitt
Susan Read
Vickie Low
Dawn & Keith Harlow
Ray & Lindsey Moreau
John & Linda Zardiskas
Dick & Jennie LeBlanc

In Celebration/Memory/ Honor of:

In memory of her parents
In memory of Paul Boates
In memory of Gladys Jacobs
In memory of Steve Cohen
In memory of Linda, Wally & Eileen Low
In celebration of their grandson, Kai
In memory of Bill Moreau
In memory of Cathy Maney
In celebration of their grandchildren

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