

THE BULLETIN

FRANKLIN UMC

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lections

Readings for this week

ACTS 2:14a, 22-32

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

²²“Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³²“This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

PSALM 16

1 PETER 1:3-9

JOHN 20:19-31

reflections

What do you think Peter felt as he addressed the crowd, many of whom had supported Jesus’ crucifixion?

worship

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the face of a culture of death, a world of killing fields, a world of the walking dead,

Christ is at the head of the resurrection parade transforming our tears of betrayal into tears of joy, giving us dancing shoes for the resurrection party.

And this glittering joker who has danced in the dragon’s jaws of death now dances with a dance that is full of nothing less than the fullness of God.

This is the dance of the new creation.

This is the dance of life out of death.

And in this dance, all that was broken,

all that was estranged,

All that was alienated,

all that was dislocated and disconnected is reconciled,
comes home,

is healed,

and is made whole.

“Lord of the Dance”

No. 261, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

No. 895, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

READ

REFLECT

“Give to Us Laughter”

See reverse side of bulletin for lyrics.

GIVE

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

“Thine Be the Glory”

No. 308, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

GO IN PEACE

NEWS & EVENTS

FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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.

"GIVE TO US LAUGHTER"

WORDS: Walter Farquharson © 1974

TUNE: SLANE (No. 451, The United Methodist Hymnal)

Give to us laughter, O Source of our life.
Laughter can banish so much of our strife!
Laughter and love give us wholeness and health.
Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.

Give to us laughter as sign of deep joy;
let us in laughing find Christian employ,
joining with stars and with bright northern lights,
laughing and praising and sharing delights.

Even in sorrow and hours of grief,
laughter with tears brings us healing relief!
God, give us laughter, and God, give us peace,
joy of your promise among us increase.

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