

# THE BULLETIN

FRANKLIN UMC

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026 || THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

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## lections

Readings for this week

**ACTS 2:14a, 36-41**

**PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19**

**1 PETER 1:17-23**

**LUKE 24:13-35**

*New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him...

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, [Jesus] walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## reflections

What do you think kept the two disciples from recognizing Jesus?

How do the disciples make sense what has happened to Jesus? How do they feel?

How is Jesus finally recognized?

Food can be a powerful trigger for memory. Are there any foods that hold special memories for you? Foods that take you back to a specific time or place?

## worship

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week flooded with news reports, social media posts, and reels that inundated us with information, worry, and stress.

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.**

We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once again.

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing s the way where there seems to be no way.**

We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.**

Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

**May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God! Amen.**

### "On the Day of Resurrection"

No. 309, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

### PRAYERS

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

### READ

### REFLECT

#### "Feed Us, Lord"

No. 3167, *Worship & Song* (2011)

### GIVE

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

#### "Day of Arising"

No. 3086, *Worship & Song* (2011)

### GO IN PEACE

# NEWS & EVENTS

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## FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is reading *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor Frankl. The next meeting is Monday May 11th 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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@franklinumc.org).

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