

THE BULLETIN

FRANKLIN UMC

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lections

Readings for this week

ACTS 2:42-47

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

PSALM 23

1 PETER 2:19-25

JOHN 10:1-10

reflections

What did the first church/Church look like?
What did it do?

In what ways should Acts 2:42-47 guide the way
church/Church looks like today?

How has the church/Church changed?

What in the church/Church has remained the same or
should not change?

In what ways do you see the resemblance of that first
church in the church/Church today?

WANT TO READ AND REFLECT MORE?

Check out upperroom.org. There you'll find several different devotional resources, including *Disciplines* a daily devotional based on the Sunday lectionary readings.

Other helpful websites include lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu for lists of daily and weekly lectionary readings and biblegateway.com for access to many different free Bible translations.

worship

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are God's church:

We come together to worship.

God has given us God's Word:

We come together to learn.

God has filled us with God's power:

We go out to serve others.

God has called us into God's family:

We come together to share our lives.

God has put God's words on our lips:

We go out to share good news.

God has given us God's Spirit:

We come together to celebrate.

God has showered us with God's riches:

We go out to share God's goodness with others.

God has freed us from our past:

We come together to move forwards.

God has planned for us a glorious future:

We go out to live our lives to please God.

We are God's church:

We come together to worship.

"We, Thy People, Praise Thee"

No. 67, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

READ

REFLECT

"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

No. 589, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

GIVE

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

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

No. 381, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

GO IN PEACE

NEWS & EVENTS

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.

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.

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