

THE BULLETIN

FRANKLIN UMC

WEEK OF SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026 || 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

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lections

Readings for this week

ACTS 17:22-31

PSALM 66:8-20

1 PETER 3:13-22

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

JOHN 14:15-21

reflections

“Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?”
How would you answer Peter's question?

Have you ever suffered for doing good? Have you ever been intimidated by those who rebuke or stand in the way of the good you do for Christ's sake?

What is Peter's encouragement for those who do good, but suffer on account of the good things they do?

worship

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is great.

God is good.

God is good for God has not abandoned us.

God has drawn near.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God's love pierces the darkness, forgiveness of sins, and sees us into eternity.

God is great.

God is good.

“God Is Good, All the Time”

No. 3026, Worship & Song (2011)

PRAY

The response to the Prayer of Intercession is:

We pray...

Help us do what is right and good for all.”

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

“Courage, Brother”

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OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

No. 95, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989)

PRAYER

“Loving Spirit”

No. 2123, The Faith We Sing (2001)

GO IN PEACE

NEWS & EVENTS

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THE GOSPEL

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Courage, Brother

Courage, Brother. 8.7.8.7.D.

NORMAN MACLEOD, 1857

ARTHUR S. SULLIVAN, 1872

1. Cour-age, broth-er! do not stum-ble, Though thy path be dark as night;
 2. Per-ish pol-i-cy and cun-ning, Per-ish all that fears the light,
 3. Some will hate thee, some will love thee, Some will flat-ter, some will slight;

There's a star to guide the hum-ble; Trust in God, and do the right.
 Wheth-er los-ing, wheth-er win-ning, Trust in God, and do the right.
 Cease from man, and look a-bove thee; Trust in God, and do the right.

Though the road be long and dreary, And the end be out of sight, Tread it bravely,
 Shun all forms of guilt-y passion, Fiends can look like angels bright; Heed no cus-tom,
 Sim-ple rule and saf-est guid-ing, Inward peace and shining light, Star up-on our

strong or wea-ry; Trust in God, trust in God, trust in God, and do the right.
 school, nor fash-ion; Trust in God, trust in God, trust in God, and do the right.
 path a-bid-ing; Trust in God, trust in God, trust in God, and do the right.

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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.

REALM CONNECT

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