

# THE BULLETIN

FRANKLIN UMC

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## lections

Readings for this week

**GENESIS 25:19-34**

**PSALM 119:105-112**

**ROMANS 8:1-11**

*New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23**

## reflections

If we are in Christ, there is no condemnation (see v. 1). What does it mean to be “in Christ”?

See v. 3. What does it mean to live according to the flesh? What does it mean to live according to the Spirit?

**Want to receive these readings in your email?**

Go to The Revised Common Lectionary Website, [lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu](http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu), scroll to the bottom of the page, and click “Subscribe to the Weekly Readings.”

## worship

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today in the midst of busy lives and hectic schedules that mirror the chaotic pace of the world around us.

**We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.**

We gather as people inundated with constant information, fast-moving news cycles, and ever-present alerts vying for our attention.

**We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.**

We gather as people seeking to anchor ourselves in the faith as the world around us is blown to and fro by waves of fear, scarcity, and reactivity.

**We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.**

Beloved, come. Come to find rest, grounding, and guidance in the Spirit who dwells in you.

**We come to set our minds on the Spirit who guides us and draws us together toward life, peace, and flourishing. Amen.**

**“Spirit of God”**

No. 2117, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

### PRAYERS

**The Lord's Prayer**

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

### READ

### REFLECT

**“Spirit of Faith, Come Down”**

No. 332, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

### GIVE

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

**“Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me”**

No. 336, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

### GO IN PEACE

# NEWS & EVENTS

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## FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### PHASE III VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Phase III is almost complete, and we're inviting volunteers to help us finish strong! To keep costs down and maintain momentum, we're looking for helpers with skills—or simply a willingness to learn—in several final projects.

We need volunteers to help paint walls and ceilings, clean and apply epoxy flooring, install hardwood and tile/stone, add new lights in main-level classrooms, and trim/remove bushes and refresh landscaping around the church grounds.

Every hour offered brings us closer to welcoming the community into refreshed, safe, and beautiful spaces.

If you can help—or know someone who can—please contact the Church Office. Thank you for your generosity and for helping carry Phase III across the finish line!

### FOOD PANTRY

For July we will be collecting personal care products - soap, shampoo & conditioner and toilet paper. All items will be brought over to the Franklin Food Pantry at the end of the month. Thank you!

### LUNCH BUNCH-change of date

We will meet on THURSDAY July 16th at Longhorn Steakhouse in Franklin Village Mall. All are welcome. Please notify Nancy B by phone or email by 10 am if attending.

### BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is reading *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. The next meeting is Monday August 10th 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.

### 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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