THE BULLETIN

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lections

EXODUS 3:1-15
PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26

ROMANS 12:9-21
New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what
is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo
one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal; be
ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope; be
patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to
the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.
14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do
not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep
with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one
another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the
lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not
repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is
noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it
depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved,
never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of
God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay,
says the Lord." 20 Instead, "if your enemies are hungry,
feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to
drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on
their heads." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but
overcome evil with good.

MATTHEW 16:21-28

reflections

How do you know when love is genuine?

What does it mean to be ardent in spirit? Don't lag in zeal for what? Do you rejoice in hope?

We sometimes say that our only choice is "the lesser of two evils." What do you think Paul would say to such a thing?

When are you most tempted to repay evil with evil? Do you believe that good can overcome evil?

Living in peace is an imperative. What does peace look like? What would it look like for you (and us as the church) to pursue peace by every means possible?

worship

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hallelujah! Let's thank God, celebrating what the Lord has done.

We'll lift our voices to praise God. We'll belt our hymns and remember God's wonders with our songs.

Raise your voice to honor God with a strong "Hallelujah!"

Remind everyone to keep our eyes open for God: See! We'll watch for all God is doing in our midst! Hallelujah!

"Heleluyan (Alleluia)"
No. 78, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

PRAYERS

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

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
No. 431, *United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

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

"Let Our Earth Be Peaceful"
No. 3159, *Worship & Song* (2011)

GO IN PEACE

Want to revisit a reflection, prayer, or other moment from a worship service? You can find archived services and snippets from services on YouTube.com/@FranklinMAumc. Follow us there and stay connected, catch up, or share worship with someone who might need it.

NEWS & EVENTS

FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FOOD PANTRY

We will be collecting Personal Care items: toilet paper, soap, shampoo/conditioner, etc. All items will be brought over to the Franklin Food Pantry at the end of the month. Thank you!

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is reading *Future Boy* by Michael J Fox. The next meeting is Monday September 14th 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

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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