

The Bulletin

Franklin United Methodist Church

Week beginning Sunday, October 11, 2026

Lectons

Assigned Scripture Readings for This Week

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ² Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." ⁶ They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

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Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

Reflections

Why did God's people make an idol? Why do you think they turned their back on Moses? on the God who had delivered them out of Egypt?

Why did God change God's mind? Does the thought of God changing God's mind challenge your understanding of an almighty, unchanging God? Why or why not?

What argument does Moses make to God that changes God's mind?

What causes God's people to forget God's covenant (see Exodus 14:1-7)? What causes God to want to forsake God's covenant (see Exodus 14:9-10)? What brings them back to it?

Sunday Worship

10am

Join in-person in the sanctuary, via Google Meet, livestream or watch archived on YouTube. Joining information and past worship services can be found at franklinumc.org.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us praise God, whose goodness and steadfast love are everlasting.

With joy we praise God's wonderful deeds.

Happy are those who act justly and whose lives reflect God's righteousness at all times;

so look on us with favour, O God, for we rejoice in all your faithful dealing with those who have gone before us.

Like them, we have sinned; we fall far short of your goodness.

Like them, we forget you and replace you with idols of our own making.

Yet, as you heard Moses' prayer for his people and delivered them from certain death and destruction,

so you hear Jesus' prayers for us, and graciously grant us the gift of salvation.

Let us together praise God, whose goodness and steadfast love are everlasting.

SONG

"God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us"

No. 100, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

PRAYERS

Including the Lord's Prayer which can be found in the United Methodist Hymnal, no. 895.

READ

see "Lectons"

REFLECT

with Pastor Jacob

SONG "When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise"

No. 2216, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

OFFERING

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

SONG

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

No. 384, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

GO IN PEACE

Franklin UMC Announcement

COMMUNITY COOKOUT & TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us for our final Community Cookout of the season on October 24! Food (burgers, hot dogs, chips, and drink, vegetarian option available) will be served from 4-6p. Trick or treating will be available at that time for children around the property. Everyone is welcome. This event is absolutely free!

We're also seeking volunteers to assist with setting up, cooking, and preparing trunks for trick or treaters. Community members and organizations are encouraged to decorate their car trunks, truck beds, van hatches, or even bicycle wagons to hand out candy and prizes. To participate, make sure your vehicle is decorated in a child-friendly theme. Everyone gets a prize or candy. Email the office@franklinumc.org with questions and to sign up.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual Franklin Interfaith Council Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday November 22nd at 7p. This year's service is being held at the Franklin Federated Church (171 Main St., Franklin)

LUNCH BUNCH

The next gathering of the Lunch Bunch will be on Wednesday, October 21, at noon. The group will be meeting at Lowell's, Rt 140, Mendon. All are welcome. Please notify Nancy Boates by phone 508-654-2833 or email NancyBoates49@hotmail.com by 10 am if attending.

Charge Conference

The Church/Charge Conference will be held on Monday, November 9 at 7p. The Franklin UMC is hosting. All are invited to attend this annual business meeting of the church. We are hosting our cooperative parish. Volunteers are needed to help with hospitality and refreshments. If you are interested and available to help, please contact Pastor Jacob, jacob@franklinumc.org.

BOOK CLUB DATE CHANGE THIS MONTH ONLY

The Book Club is reading *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Michael Backman. The next meeting is Monday, October 19th, at 6:30 pm. The group will meet in a hybrid format at Linda Z's home. For the address and link, view the group's page in Realm Connect.

If you want to get a jump start on our November book, we're going to be reading "Mad Mabel" by Sally Hepworth.

SAVE THE DATE

October 18	Church Council Meeting
October 24	Trunk or Treat
November 9	Annual Church/Charge Conference
November 22	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service @Franklin Federated Church

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⁷ The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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