

The Bulletin

Franklin United Methodist Church

Week beginning Sunday, October 18, 2026

Lectons

Assigned Scripture Readings for This Week

Exodus 33:12-23

¹² Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³ Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people." ¹⁴ He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵ And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

¹⁷ The Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸ Moses said, "Please show me your glory." ¹⁹ And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live." ²¹ And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³ then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

Reflections

Moses has witnessed a lot. God has done a lot through Moses. Moses has a direct line of communication, it seems, with God. Why does Moses feel like he doesn't know God's ways and stand outside God's favor?

God tells Moses that no one can see God (or God's face) and live (cf. Exodus 33:20). Why is it so detrimental or impossible to see God's face?

Moses is allowed to see God's backside. When/where have you experienced God's presence/favor but only realized it "after the fact"?

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

God leads God's people through every wilderness.

**We come to worship the God who guides,
sustains, and saves us.**

When the way is uncertain, God is always faithful.

Our hope is in the Lord alone.

Come, let us worship God.

With grateful hearts, we lift our praise to God.

SONG

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

No. 2197, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

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

"O Lord, You're Beautiful"

No. 2064, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

OFFERING

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

SONG

"Now Praise the Hidden God of Love"

No. 2027, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

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.

PASTOR'S STUDY

Pastor Jacob is discerning how to move forward with this small group. It is indefinitely cancelled at this point. Plans are being considered to move the study to a weekday morning and start a once-per-month weekday evening vesper/prayer service. Pastor Jacob would love your input and ideas, if you have questions or want to chat about this change, email jacob@franklinumc.org

SAVE THE DATE

October 18	Church Council Meeting (after worship)
October 24	Cookout / Trunk or Treat (4-6p)
November 9	Annual Church/Charge Conference (7p)
November 22	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service @Franklin Federated Church (7p)
December 11	Coat Giveaway (Veterans & Seniors ONLY, 1-3p)
December 12	Coat Giveaway (9a-12p)

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.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Donate gently used or new coats to help your Franklin-area neighbors! OCT 30 THROUGH DEC 7
DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THESE LOCATIONS: Franklin Fire Department, United Methodist Church, Police Department, New England Chapel, or the Hockomock YMCA. Questions? Contact Kim Mu-Chow at NECCARES@NECHAPEL.ORG.

FREE COAT GIVEAWAY

The Community Closet @FranklinUMC will be offering a FREE COAT GIVEAWAY on December 11 & 12 to distribute coats donated through this drive. To learn more go to franklinumc.org.

INTERFAITH BOOKCLUB

Are you interested in a book group that reads and discusses through the lens of faith with people of different faiths? The Interfaith Council is looking to put one together. The minimum number of participants is four, from at least three different houses of worship. The specifics of time (not more than once a month), location and book(s) will be finalized through participant agreement, but the options are: Sunday afternoon or evening; or Wednesday evenings; on Zoom, or in person at Rev Doreen's home (183 Main St., Franklin). Please Rev Doreen Oughton – at ffcrev@gmail.com or 978-846-6498 by November 20 if interested.

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