The Bulletin

Franklin United Methodist Church | Week beginning Sunday, October 25, 2026

Lections

Assigned Scripture Readings for This Week

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the
Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them,
an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him.
36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the
greatest?" 37 He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord
your God with all your heart and with all your soul and
with all your mind.' 38 This is the greatest and first
commandment. 39 And a second is like it: 'You shall
love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two
commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus
asked them this question: 42 "What do you think of the
Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son
of David." 43 He said to them, "How is it then that David
by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

44 'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet" '?

45 "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?"
46 No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that
day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Reflections

What does it mean to love God with all one's heart, soul, and mind?

In what ways do you put your love for God first?

The second greatest commandment is like the first. How does our love of neighbor mirror our love for God? And how does how we treat our neighbors reflect how we love our God?

All of the law and the prophets "hang" on the love of God and neighbor. In other words, love is *a priori*—first. What might our lives as Christians look like if we made love (of God and neighbor) our first priority?

Why does David, the father of the son, subordinate himself to the Lord (the Messiah)? Custom would not have required this: custom says the son is subordinate to the father. What does David's humility teach us about the requirements of love?

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

In a world that cries out, "Fear me!" We listen to Jesus' words,

"Don't be afraid!"

In a world that wants us to hate the other. We live Jesus' call to

"love God; and, love our neighbors as we love ourselves."

In a world that radicalizes. We seek to be

radical with our hospitality; radical with our hope; radical with our love.

Then come to this place, ready to be who we are called to be.

We're gathered together, now let us worship God.

SONG **"Maker, in Whom We Live"**
No. 88, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

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

READ see "Lections"
REFLECT with Pastor Jacob

SONG **"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"**
No. 430, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

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

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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

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

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

This month's collection will be breakfast: Cereal and/or Pancake mix and/or syrup or honey. All donations will be brought over to the Pantry at the end of the month. Thank you!

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

The Book Club is reading *Mad Mabel* by Sally Hepworth. The next meeting is Monday, November 16th, 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.

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 of Franklin Federated– at ffcrev@gmail.com or 978-846-6498 by November 20 if interested.

SAVE THE DATE

November 9	Annual Church/Charge Conference (7p)
November 22	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service @Franklin Federated Church (7p)
November 26	Food Pantry Turkey Trot (8a)
December 11	Coat Giveaway (Veterans & Seniors ONLY, 1-3p)
December 12	Coat Giveaway (9a-12p)