

FRANKLIN LAKES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a center of community experiencing and sharing God's love

Rev. Alison V. Philip, Pastor



Sunday, March 22, 2020, 10:00 A.M.

ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

GATHERING

Announcements

Prelude

“In This Very Room”

Harris

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (vs. 1–3)

Hymn No. 117

- 1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!**
- 2. Under the shadow of thy throne,
still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.**
- 3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

Children's Time

Special Music

“I Could Not Do Without Thee”

Curry

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:29–34

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

Sermon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Reflection

“Abide with Me” (vs. 1, 3, 4)

Hymn No. 700

- 1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**
- 3. I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**
- 4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Introduction to the Offertory

Offertory Music

“He Is with Me”

Petersen

Hymn of Presentation

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

Hymn No. 328

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings; I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Closing Hymn

“This Is My Father’s World”

Hymn No. 144

1. **This is my Father’s world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings,
and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees,
of skies and seas;
his hand the
wonders wrought.**
2. **This is my Father’s world,
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light,
the lily white,
declare their maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world:
he shines in all that’s fair;
in the rustling grass
I hear him pass;
he speaks to
me everywhere.**
3. **This is my Father’s world.
O let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong
seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King;
let the heavens ring!
God reigns;
let the earth be glad!**

Benediction

Postlude

“Close to Thee”

Vail