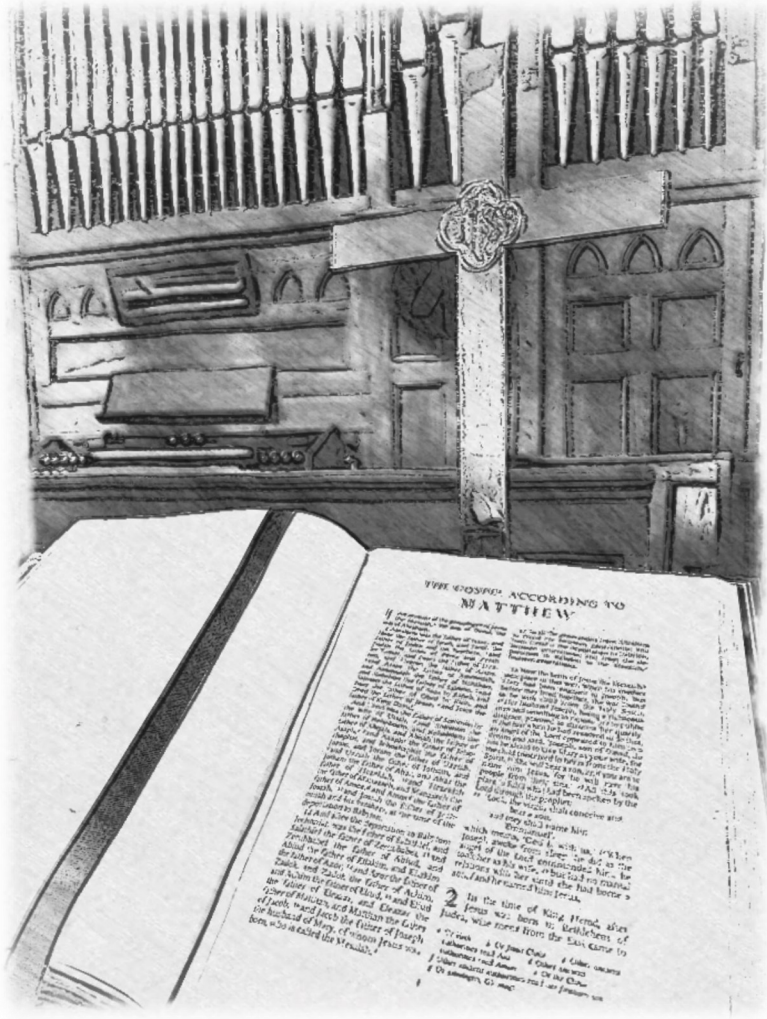


# FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## The Salt Life

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW || JANUARY 22, 2023

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This service of worship is gathering in-person in the sanctuary, in-person using Google Meet, and streaming on YouTube.

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# gather

## WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

You are the salt of the earth.

**May we season the world with faithfulness, O God.**

You are the light of the world.

**May your love shine through us, O Christ our Savior.**

You are a city built on a hill.

**May your vigor make us bold witnesses, O Spirit of the living God.**

### “AS A FIRE IS MEANT FOR BURNING”

*No. 2237, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)*

**As a fire is meant for burning  
with a bright and warming flame,  
so the church is meant for mission,  
giving glory to God’s name.**

**Not to preach our creeds or customs,  
but to build a bridge of care,  
we join hands across the nations,  
finding neighbors everywhere.**

**We are learners; we are teachers;  
we are pilgrims on the way.**

**We are seekers; we are givers;  
we are vessels made of clay.**

**By our gentle, loving actions,  
we would show that Christ is light.**

**In a humble, listening Spirit,  
we would live to God’s delight.**

**As a green bud in the springtime  
is a sign of life renewed,  
so may we be signs of oneness**

**‘mid earth’s peoples, many hued.**

**As a rainbow lights the heavens  
when a storm is past and gone,  
may our lives reflect the radiance  
of God’s new and glorious dawn.**

# pray

## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

### SILENT PRAYER

#### COLLECT

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

# reflect

## MATTHEW 5:1-16

*New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

### REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

### “BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM”

No. 2190, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

**You are salt for the earth, O people:  
Salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people:  
Life in the Kingdom of God!**

#### *Refrain:*

*Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
bring forth the City of God!*

**You are a light on the hill, O people:  
Light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
Shine for the Kingdom of God! (*Refrain*)**

**You are a seed of the Word, O people:  
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
grow in the Kingdom of God! (*Refrain*)**

**We are a blest and a pilgrim people:  
Bound for the Kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
Love is the Kingdom of God! (*Refrain*)**

**give**

**OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER**

**go**

**“SOIS LA SEMILLA (YOU ARE THE SEED)”**

No. 583, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

**You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;  
you’re the star that will shine in the night;  
You are the yeast and a small grain of salt.**

**A beacon to glow in the dark.**

**You are the dawn that will bring a new day;  
You’re the wheat that will bear golden grain;**

**You are a sting and a soft gentle touch  
My witnesses where’er you go.**

***Refrain:***

***Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all,  
Messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.***

***Be my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose;  
“Lo, I’ll be with you forever, till the end of the world.”***

**You are the flame that will lighten the dark,  
sending sparkles of hope, faith, and love;  
you are the shepherds to lead the whole world  
through valleys and pastures of peace.  
You are the friends that I chose for myself,  
the word that I want to proclaim.  
You are the new kingdom built on a rock  
where justice and truth always reign.**

*Refrain*

**You are the life that will nurture the plant;  
you're the waves in a turbulent sea;  
yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise,  
a new loaf of bread it will yield.  
There is no place for a city to hide,  
nor a mountain can cover its might;  
may your good deeds show a world in despair  
a path that will lead all to God.**

*Refrain*

## **SENDING**

### **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Christ be with you  
always.

**And also with you.**

## **POSTLUDE**

# WELCOME TO FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

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Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you find, in our community, a place to experience meaningful relationship with God, grow in Christ, and reach out in love to others. We hope that this community has been a place where you feel welcome, acceptance, and love. If you have questions about the church, or are interested in becoming a member of the church, please feel free to contact any of the leaders listed below.

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Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

# UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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## THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Join Pastor Jacob on Wednesdays at 7pm to discuss the Gospel of Matthew. This group meets virtually ONLY. To learn more and to get joining information, contact Pastor Jacob ([jacob@franklinumc.org](mailto:jacob@franklinumc.org)).

## MOVIE NIGHT

Join the church for a movie on **Friday January 20th at 6:30pm** in the vestry. Bring a comfy blanket and pillow (or use one of our folding chairs). Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

## BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet (virtually) on **Tuesday February 14 at 7pm**. We will be reading *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Joining information can be found on the church calendar.

## LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at **noon on Feb 15th** at Box Seats 391 East Central St, Franklin (Old Alumni). Please contact Nancy Boates ([NancyBoates49@hotmail.com](mailto:NancyBoates49@hotmail.com), 508-654-2833) by 10 am the day before if you plan to attend.

## FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Mark your calendar for a Fat Tuesday pancake dinner on **Tuesday February 20 from 5:30-6:30pm**. Come when you can and enjoy a time of fellowship and merriment before we begin our Lenten journey.

## FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: CEREAL

The Franklin Food Pantry, located at 43 West Central Street (Franklin), offers supplemental food assistance and housing necessities to neighbors in need. ***During the month of January we will be collecting cereal for the Food Pantry.*** Donations can be placed on the table in the sanctuary.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

We are looking to restart our Sunday School ministry. We will begin by offering it once per month during worship. If there is enough interest, we will expand it to twice per month. As we make preparations, we are looking for volunteers to help teach. Are you interested in volunteering? If so, please contact Inger Anderson, Chair of the Committee on Ministry ([inger1210@aol.com](mailto:inger1210@aol.com)) or the Church Office.