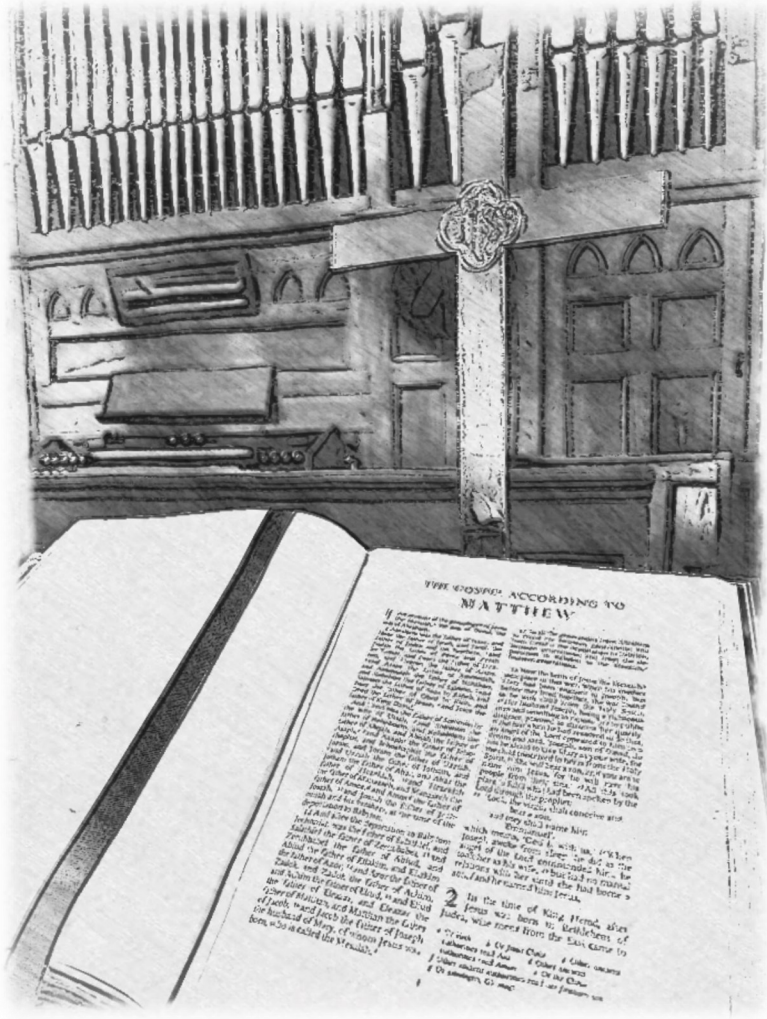


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Keep Practicing

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW || JANUARY 29, 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.

gather

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear." (Matt. 6:25a, *NRSV*)

**We cast all our anxiety on God, because God cares for us.
(cf. 1 Peter 5:7)**

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? (Matt. 6:26, *NRSV*)

We remember that even the hairs of our heads are all counted. We are not afraid, for we know that we are of more value than many sparrows. (cf. Luke 12:7)

Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' (Matt. 6:31, *NRSV*)

We refuse to worry. We will strive first for the kingdom of God and its righteousness. (cf. Matt. 6:33)

"HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW"

No. 2146, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

1.

Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is he:
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

2.

"Let not your heart be troubled,"
his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth
but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

3.

Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
when song give place to sighing,
when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him,
from care he sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

pray

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

COLLECT

LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

Our Father,
which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and glory forever.
Amen. Amen.

reflect

MATTHEW 6:1-18

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

“TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY”

No. 395, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

Take time to be holy,
speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always,
and feed on his word.

Make friends of God's children,
help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing
his blessing to seek.

2.

Take time to be holy,
the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret
with Jesus alone.

By looking to Jesus,
like him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct
his likeness shall see.

3.

Take time to be holy,
let him be thy guide,
and run not before him,
whatever betide.

In joy or in sorrow,
still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus,
still trust in his word.

4.

Take time to be holy,
be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive
beneath his control.
Thus led by his spirit
to fountains of love,
thou soon shalt be fitted
for service above.

give

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER

go

“LET THERE BE LIGHT”

No. 440, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face.

2.

Open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace.

3.

Perish the sword,
perish the angry judgment,
perish the bombs and hunger,
perish the fight for gain.

4.

Hallow our love,
hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom,
hallowed be your name.

5.

Your kingdom come,
your Spirit turn to language,
your people speak together,
your Spirit never fade.

6.

Let there be light,
open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made.

SENDING

THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you
always.

And also with you.

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

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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Rich Pokorny, Chair of Resource Committee
Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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).

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, 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.

FEBRUARY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: TOOTHPASTE

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 February we will be collecting toothpaste 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) or the Church Office.