

FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Make It So

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW || FEBRUARY 5, 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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here,
 in the name of Christ Jesus.
So ask right now,
 and it shall be given to you.
Seek right now,
 and you will find.
Knock right now,
 and the door will be opened.

SONG

“SEEK YE FIRST”

No. 405, *UMH* (1989)

1.

Seek ye first the kingdom of
God and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be
added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!

2.

Ask, and it shall be given unto
you; seek and ye shall find;
Knock, and the door shall be
opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!

PRAY

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

A PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

... When we forget to seek you and discover that we have lost our place:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

When we ask once and leave it at that: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

When we draw back from knocking, lest we disturb you:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Strengthen our courage; bolster our endurance; spur us onward in your
way in our world through the power of the Holy Spirit and the name of
Christ. Amen.

REFLECT

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 7:21-29

REFLECTION

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SONG “THE WISE MAN AND THE FOOLISH MAN”

Words by Ann Omley, 1948

The wise man built his house upon the Rock,
The wise man built his house upon the Rock,
The wise man built his house upon the Rock,
And the rains came tumbling down.
The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
But the house on the Rock stood firm.

The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
And the rains came tumbling down.
The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
And the house on the sand fell flat.

So build your life on the Lord Jesus Christ,
So build your life on the Lord Jesus Christ,
So build your life on the Lord Jesus Christ,
And the blessings will come down.
The blessings come down as your prayers go up,
The blessings come down as your prayers go up,
The blessings come down as your prayers go up,
So build your life on the Lord.

COMMUNE

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy
Church,

**all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and for ever. Amen**

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.**

SONG

“CHRIST, WE ARE BLEST”

No. 3174, Worship & Song (2011)

**Christ, we are blest as we gather to dine,
strengthened for love by the bread and the wine.
This is your body, now entering ours,
strong with your loving miraculous powers.**

**You laid your life down like sowing a seed;
once dead and buried, from death you are freed,
rising like wheat in the warmth of the sun!
Christ, you are risen! New life has begun!**

**Christ, you are risen, but not far above:
you live among us in each act of love,
in every deed of compassion you rise,
living in flesh we can see with our eyes.**

**Jesus, you feed us, then bid us to leave,
sharing with others the love we receive.
We are your body, sent by your command,
making love real as the bread in our hands.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

RESPONSE “PEACE BE TO THIS CONGREGATION”

Words by Charles Wesley TUNE: PROMISE (No. 707, *UMH*)

**Peace be to this congregation,
peace to ev'ry soul therein,
peace, which flows from Christ's salvation,
peace, the seal of cancelled sin,
peace that speaks its heavenly Giver,
peace, to earthly minds unknown,
peace divine that lasts forever
here erect its glorious throne.**

**Jesus, Prince of peace, be near us;
fix in all our hearts your home;
with your gracious presence cheer us;
let your sacred kingdom come;
raise to heav'n our expectation,
give our favored souls to prove
glorious and complete salvation,
in the realms of bliss above.**

GO

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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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.