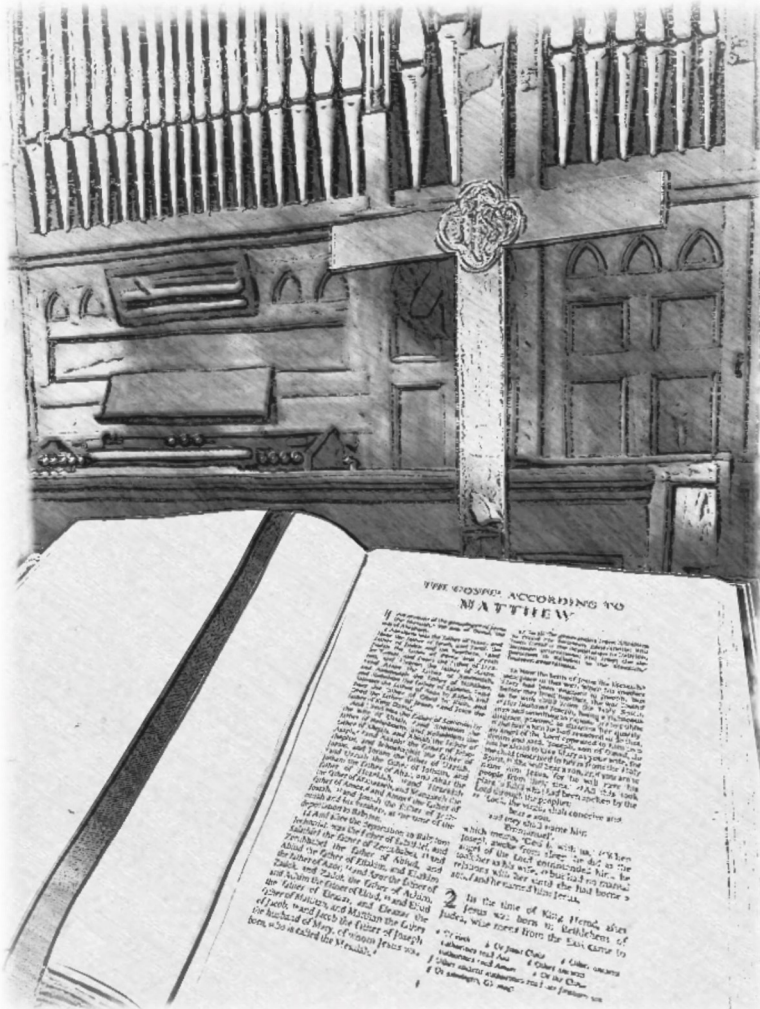


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Building Trust

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW || FEBRUARY 12, 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

The wind blew this week.

**It knocked me off balance, disrupted my deep days,
and commandeered my nights.**

The wind blew this week.

**It stole my finances, battled my peace, and infected
my health.**

Did you hear how it howled? Did you see the waste it left
behind?

**Speak to the wind. Rebuke the storm, LORD. Calm
our souls.**

SONG

“STAND BY ME”

No. 512, *UMH* (1989)

**When the storms of life are raging,
stand by me (stand by me);
when the storms of life are raging,
stand by me (stand by me).
When the world is tossing me
like a ship upon the sea,
thou who rulest wind and water,
Stand by me (stand by me).**

**In the midst of tribulation,
stand by me (stand by me);
in the midst of tribulation,
stand by me (stand by me).
When the host of hell assail,
and my strength begins to fail,
thou who never lost a battle,
stand by me (stand by me).**

**In the midst of faults and failures,
stand by me (stand by me);
in the midst of faults and failures,
stand by me (stand by me).
When I do the best I can,
and my friends misunderstand,
thou who knowest all about me,
stand by me (stand by me).**

**In the midst of persecution,
stand by me (stand by me);
in the midst of persecution,
stand by me (stand by me).
When my foes in battle array
undertake to stop my way,
thou who savèd Paul and Silas,
stand by me (stand by me).**

**When I'm growing old and feeble,
stand by me (stand by me);
when I'm growing old and feeble,
stand by me (stand by me).
When my life becomes a burden,
and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O thou Lily of the Valley,
stand by me (stand by me).**

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

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 8:1,18,23-27

REFLECTION

PASTOR JACOB

SONG

“WHEN THE WAVES ARE CRASHING”

No. 3144, *Worship & Song* (2011)

When the waves are crashing
and my faith is drowning,
though I may forget you,
hold me, Lord.

When the cliffs are steepest
and my hope is weakest,
though I fail to trust you,
hold me, Lord.

When dark clouds have gathered
and my love is battered,
though i may desert you,
hold me, Lord.
Faith may be eternal,
hope will last forever;
greater still is love
that holds me, Lord.

GIVE

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER

GO

HYMN

“ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE”

No. 2191, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bid the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word
the wind and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood
upon the waters dark and rude,
and bid their angry tumult cease,
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace;
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad praise from air and land and sea.

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.