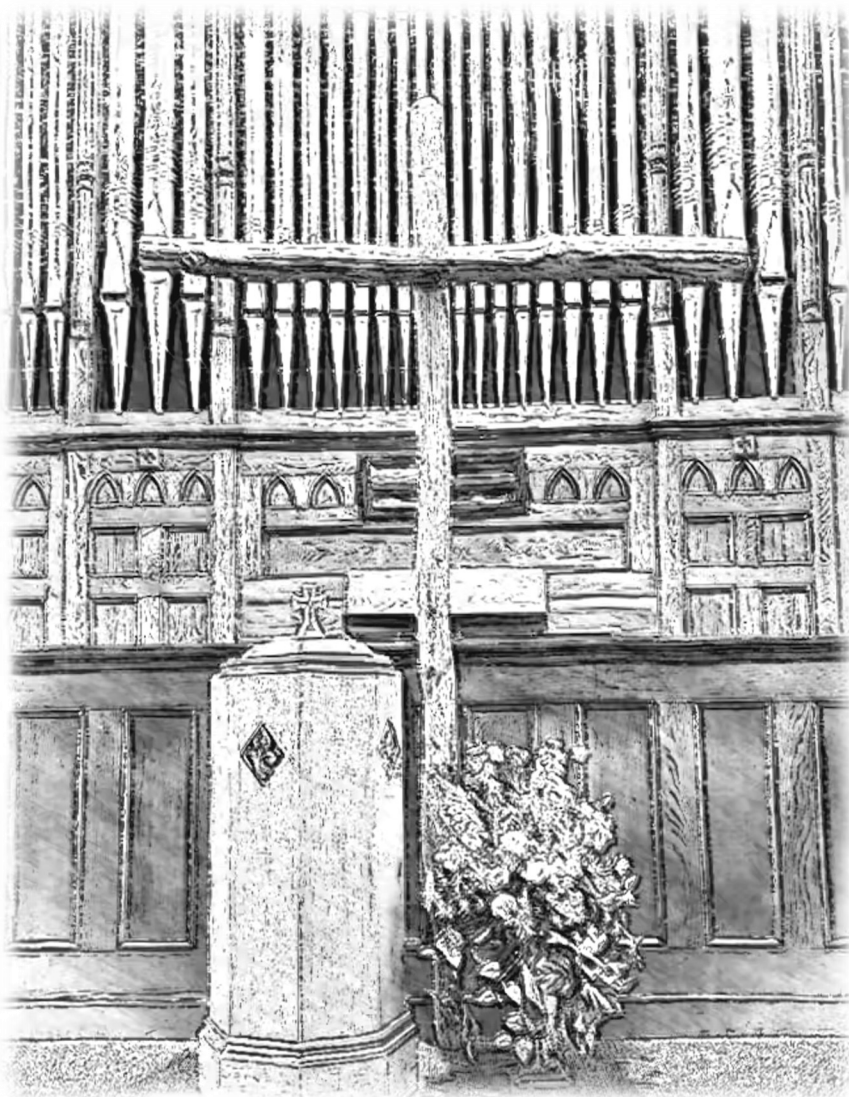


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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A CROSS IN THE HEART OF GOD || FEBRUARY 26, 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

adapted from Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,

**but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.**

And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

**Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave
him the name that is above every other name,**

At the name of Jesus, we bow in homage.

**We confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God
the Father.**

Let us sing in praise of Christ and glory in the cross.

SONG

“GLORY IN THE CROSS”

No. 3075, W&S (2011)

**Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
Who redeems us with his blood.**

**Let us tell the story of the cross of Christ
and the power of his saving love.**

**Like a lamb he was slain; he carried our shame,
To show us the mercy of God.**

**Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
and the triumph of God's great love.**

**Let us bring our burdens to the cross of Christ
Who has known our sorrows and tears.**

**In the great compassion of the heart of Christ,
God has walked in our hopes and fears.**

**He was mocked and betrayed, deserted by friends,
And banished to die among thieves.**

**Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
And the triumph of God's great love.**

**Let us kneel in homage at the cross of Christ
Where we see God's human face.**

**We behold the maker of the sun and stars
As he hangs on the throne of grace.**

**As we share in his pain, his sorrow and shame,
Our hearts will be tested in fire.**

**Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
and the triumph of God's great love.**

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

MARK 15:33-37

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

SONG

“BEHOLD THE SAVIOR OF MANKIND”

No. 293 , *UMH* 1989; TUNE: LAND OF REST (No. 269, *UMH*)

Behold the Savior of mankind
nailed to the shameful tree;
how vast the love that him inclined
to bleed and die for thee!

Hark how he groans! while nature shakes,
and earth's strong pillars bend!
The temple's veil in sunder breaks,
the solid marbles rend.

'Tis done! the precious ransom's paid!
"Receive my soul!" he cries;
see where he bows his sacred head!
He bows his head and dies!

But soon he'll break death's envious chain
and in full glory shine.
O Lamb of God, was ever pain,
was ever love like thine?

REFLECTION

PASTOR JACOB

SONG

“COME, EMMANUEL”

No. 3130, W&S 2011

Come and speak to us, come and renew us,
come and live through us, Emmanuel.
Grace to implore us, ever before us,
come and restore us, Emmanuel.

*Refrain: Come, Emmanuel; come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel;
come, Emmanuel. El, Emmanuel, Emmanuel.*

Once mercy found us, still you astound us,
Hold and surround us, Emmanuel.
Living inside us, faithful to guide us,
Cover and hide us, Emmanuel.
Refrain

Love that begins us, pardons and wins us,
Come and reign in us, Emmanuel.
Come and speak to us, Fill and renew us,
come and live through us, Emmanuel.
Refrain

Come and speak to us, come and renew us,
come and live through us, Emmanuel.
Grace to implore us, ever before us,
come and restore us, Emmanuel.
Refrain

GIVE

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER

GO

HYMN

“EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL”

No. 204, *UMH* 1989

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.**

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

LENTEN STUDY & WORSHIP

Join Pastor Jacob this Lenten season on Wednesdays at 7pm (via Google Meet) and Sundays during worship as we explore the cross in the heart of God. We will explore the centrality of Jesus' passion to Christianity and what it says about God's desire to be with us. We will be reading together *A Cross in the Heart of God: Reflections on the death of Jesus* by Samuel Wells (Norwich, UK: Canterbury Press, 2020). Limited copies are available. If you would like a free copy of the book, need joining information, or have questions about this study, please contact Pastor Jacob (jacob@franklinumc.org).

MARCH FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: FAMILY SIZED SNACKS

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 March we will be collecting family-sized snacks for the Food Pantry.*** Donations can be placed on the table in the sanctuary.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet (virtually) on **Tuesday March 14 at 7pm.** We will be reading *Forever Boy* by Kate Swenson. Joining information can be found on the church calendar.

LUNCH BUNCH

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

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.