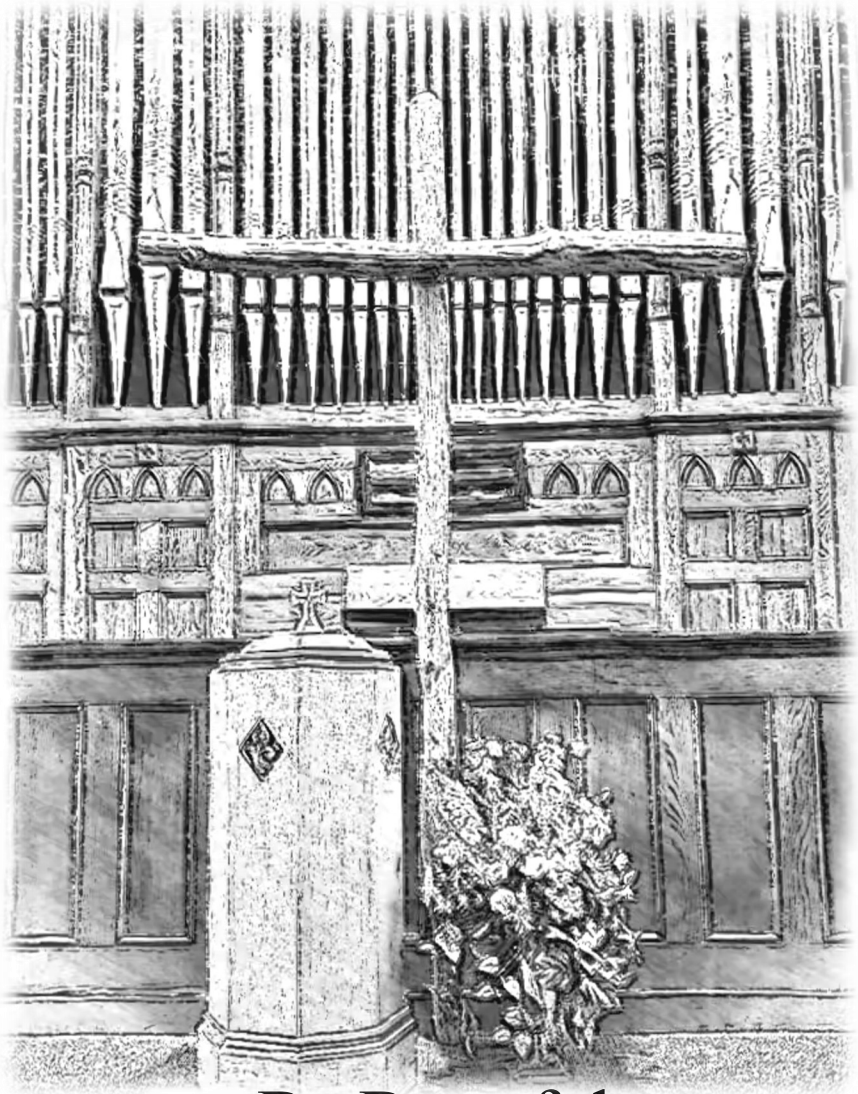


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Be Boastful

A CROSS IN THE HEART OF GOD || MARCH 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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Some boast about their possessions and accomplishments,
but we boast in the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Should all else collapse in a heap, the love of
God found in Jesus Christ remains.**

Do not be impressed by the outward appearance of a
person, for God does not see like we do, but looks into the
heart.

**If anyone travels with Christ, there is a new
creation, old things are obsolete, all things
become new.**

SONG

“LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING”

No. 384, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

PRAYERS 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

GALATIANS 6:11-16

REFLECTION

SONG

“IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY”

No. 295, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

2.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me.
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

3.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.

4.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

5.

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER

SONG

“YE SERVANTS OF GOD”

No. 181, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol,
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

2.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

3.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

4.

Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might;
all honor and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

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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Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

LENT & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday April 2 10am Worship Service & Sunday School

Good Friday April 7 7pm Worship Service

Easter Sunday April 9 6:30am Sunrise Service on the Common
10am Worship Service & Easter Egg Hunt

SAVE THE DATE

New children's programming will begin on Palm Sunday, April 2 during worship. This new monthly opportunity will encourage kids to learn the stories of our faith and find faith for themselves.

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

We have the following flowers available to decorate the sanctuary for Easter morning. A signup sheet is in the vestry. See Dawn Harlow with any questions. 8 Lilies \$20 each 4 Pansy Bowls \$17.75 each
4 Mums (2 yellow 2 purple) \$15 each

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet (virtually) on **Tuesday April 11 at 7pm**. We will be reading *The Dinner List* by Rebecca Serle. Joining information can be found on the church calendar.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at **noon on April 19 at the Chateau**, 466 King Street, Franklin. 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).