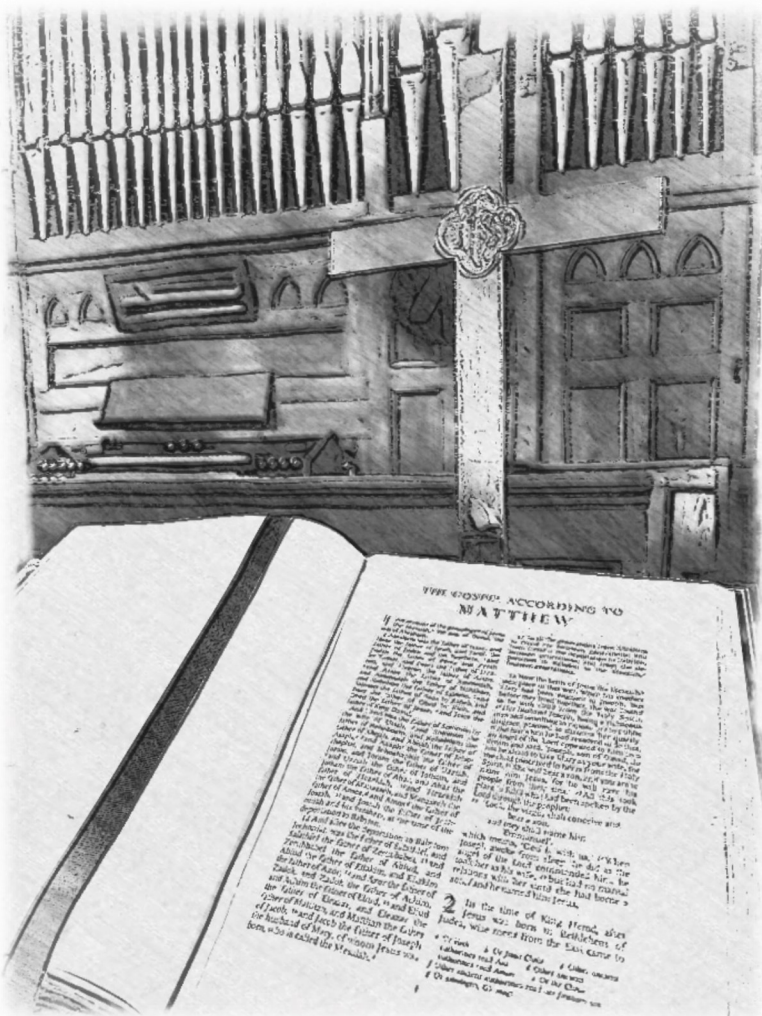


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



There is a line.

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW || APRIL 30, 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

It's all done! Finished! Settled!
God took the whole, long list of our sins
and forgave them!

God nailed them to the cross.

Every crime, violation and sacrilege!
Every shortcoming, disgrace and failure!
God eliminated every single record of our
godless behavior!

God nailed them to the cross.

There is nothing else to do, but worship
and praise God!

And to be careful not to pull out any of God's nails!

SONG

“TO GOD BE THE GLORY”

No. 98, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1

**To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!**

**O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!**

2

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Refrain)

3

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

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

MATTHEW 12:12-32

REFLECTION

SONG

“HOLY SPIRIT, COME, CONFIRM US”

No. 331, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
In the truth that Christ makes known;
We have faith and understanding
Through your helping gifts alone.

2

Holy Spirit, come, console us,
Come as Advocate to plead,
Loving Spirit from the Father,
Grant in Christ the help we need.

3

Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
Come yourself to make us live;
Holy through your loving presence,
Holy through the gifts you give.

4

Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
You the Love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER

SONG

“OF ALL THE SPIRIT’S GIFTS TO ME”

No. 336, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1

Of all the Spirit's gifts to me,
I pray that I may never cease
to take and treasure most these three:
love, joy, and peace.

2

The Spirit shows me love's the root
of every gift sent from above,
of every flower, of every fruit,
that God is love.

3

The Spirit shows if I possess
a love no evil can destroy;
however great is my distress,
then this is joy.

4

Though what's ahead is mystery,
and life itself is ours on lease,
each day the Spirit says to me,
"Go forth in peace!"

5

We go in peace, but made aware that,
in a needy world like this,
our clearest purpose is to share
love, joy, and peace.

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

MAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: DIAPERS

We will be collecting diapers for the Food Pantry. Donations can be placed on the table in the sanctuary.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet (virtually) on **Tuesday May 9 at 7pm**. We will be reading *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb . Joining information can be found on the church calendar.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at **noon on May 17 at Sol De Mexico, 191 Mechanic St, Bellingham**. Please contact Nancy Boates (NancyBoates49@hotmail.com, 508-654-2833) by 10 am the day before if you plan to attend.

BLOOMIN 4 GOOD

FUMC has been selected as a beneficiary of the Franklin Stop & Shop *Bloomin' 4 Good Program* for the month of May. FUMC will receive a \$1 donation for every \$10.99 bouquet in the sleeve marked "Bloomin' 4 Good" purchased. Money raised will be used to offset the cost of our community garden beds.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The next date for Sunday School will be **Sunday, May 7th during worship**. Children ages 4-12 (preschool—6th grade) will be dismissed during worship and will be returning to the sanctuary for communion. There is no need to RSVP or register.

The curriculum we are using is [Mini Revolutions from Illustrated Ministry](#). In addition to the (current) once-per-month class during worship at the church, we will be providing supplementary materials for persons who would like to use the curriculum for family devotions. Print materials will be made available each week at the church. We can also email you materials in a montly packet, if you're interested in using them in your home.

If you are interested in volunteering as a teacher please see Inger Anderson oe email at inger1210@aol.com.