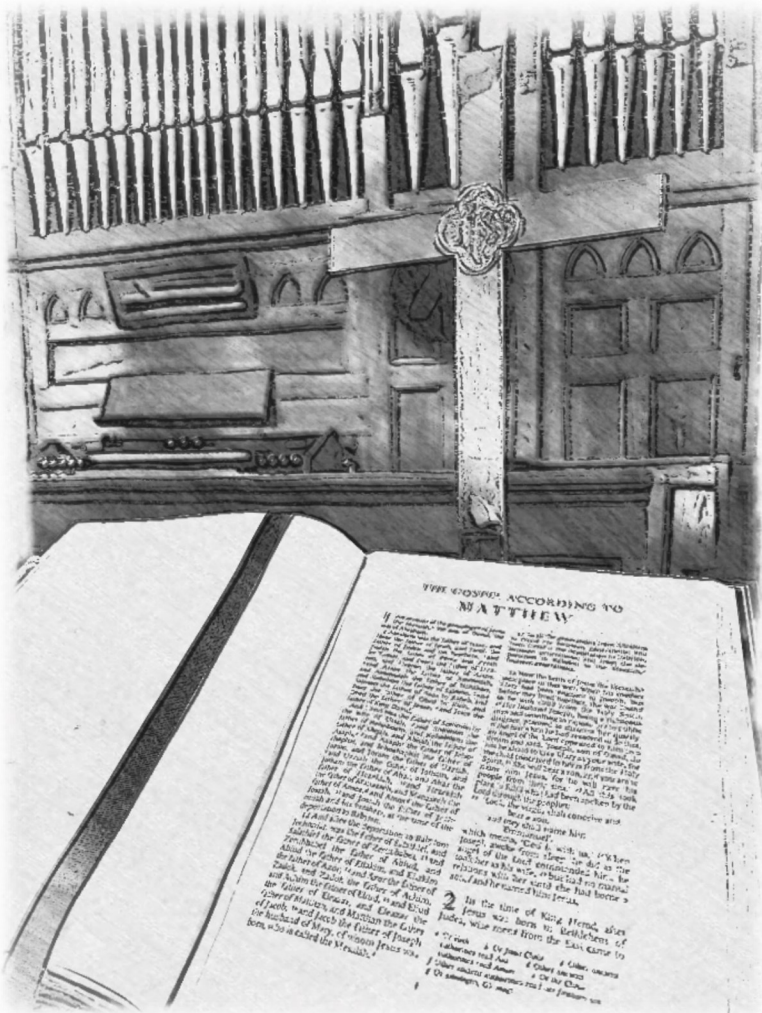


# FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## A Prophet's Fate

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW || MAY 14, 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.

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## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reign of God is drawing near:

**Prophets call us to change our hearts and lives!**

Prepare the way for the Lord:

**A just and peaceful path!**

In this time of worship,

**may our hearts and ears be open,**

to hear God speaking

**that we might welcome God's reign.**

## SONG

### “GOD HATH SPOKEN BY THE PROPHETS”

No. 108, *UMH* (1989)

1

God hath spoken by the prophets,  
spoken the unchanging Word,  
each from age to age proclaiming,  
God the One, the righteous Lord!  
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil,  
one firm anchor holdeth fast:  
God eternal reigns forever,  
God the first, and God the last.

2

God hath spoken by Christ Jesus,  
Christ, the everlasting Son;  
brightness of the Father's glory,  
with the Father ever one;  
spoken by the Word incarnate,  
God of God, ere time was born;  
Light of Light, to earth descending,  
Christ, as God in human form.

God yet speaketh by the Spirit,  
 speaketh to our hearts again;  
 in the agelong Word expounding  
 God's own message, now as then.  
 Thru the rise and fall of nations,  
 one sure faith yet standing fast,  
 God abides, the Word unchanging,  
 God the first, and God the last.  
 God the first, and God the last.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **SILENT PRAYER**

### **COLLECT**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

No. 895, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

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 14:1-12**

### **REFLECTION**

**SONG**

**“WILD AND LONE THE PROPHET’S VOICE”**

No. 2089, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

1

Wild and lone the prophet's voice  
echoes through the desert still,  
calling us to make a choice,  
bidding us to do God's will:  
"Turn from sin and be baptized;  
cleans your heart and mind and soul.  
Quitting all the sin you prized,  
yield your life to God's control.

2

"Bear the fruit repentance sows:  
lives of justice, truth, and love.  
Trust no other claim than those;  
set your heart on things above.  
Soon the Lord will come in power,  
burning clean the threshing floor:  
then will flames the chaff devour;  
wheat alone shall fill God's store."

3

With such preaching stark and bold  
John proclaimed salvation near,  
and his timeless warnings hold  
words of hope to all who hear.  
So we dare to journey on,  
led by faith through ways untrod,  
till we come at last like John -  
to behold the Lamb of God.

**OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER**

## SONG

## “JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE”

No. 2158, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

1

I am weak, but thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee:  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2

Through this world of toil and snares,  
if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but thee. [Refrain]

3

When my feeble life is o'er,  
time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er  
to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. [Refrain]

## SENDING

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## POSTLUDE

# WELCOME TO FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

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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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John Milot, Chair of Resource Committee  
Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

# UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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## MAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: DIAPERS

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

## 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.

**"VOICES OF FAITH" Concert will be held Sunday, May 21st , 7pm @ 91 Jordan Rd, Franklin** (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints). The Franklin Interfaith Council has chosen the **theme of "Unity & Community"** and the donations we collect will become a matching grant for SNAP recipients to double their purchasing power at the weekly Franklin Farmer's Market (via Franklin Food Pantry). The concert lasts 45 mins - 1 hour with refreshments served afterward :)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Held the first Sunday of every month. 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 please see Inger Anderson

## BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet (virtually) on **Tuesday June 13 at 7pm.** We will be reading *We Are the Light* by Matthew Quick . Joining information can be found on the church calendar.