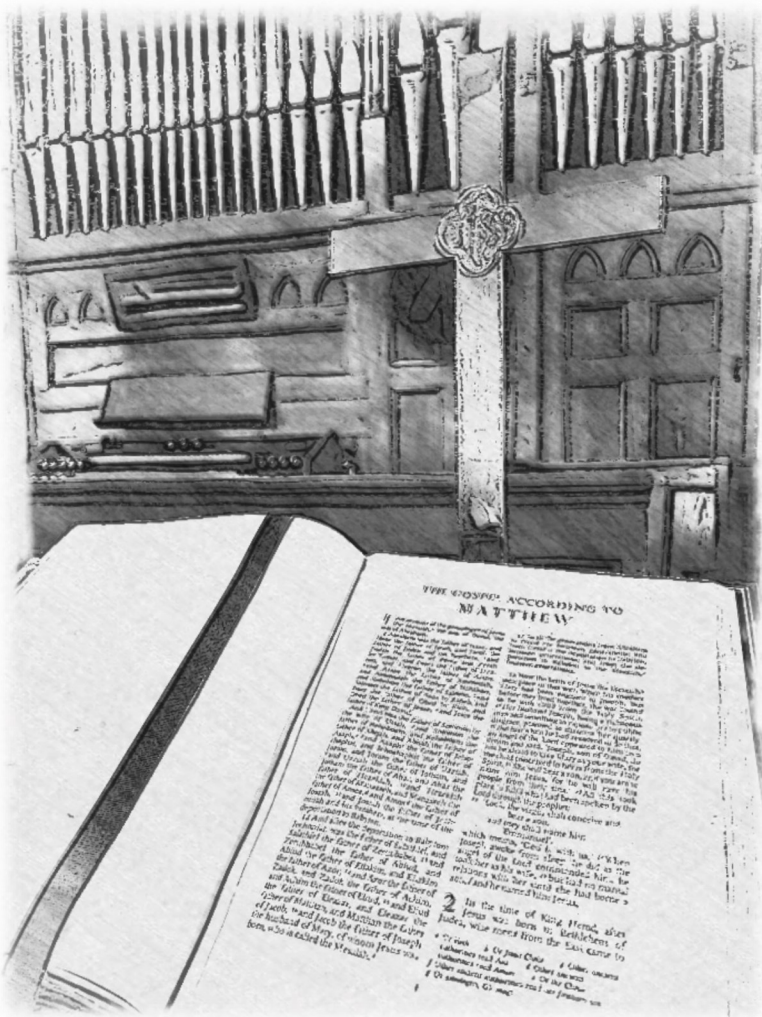


# FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Who Do You Say I Am?

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW || MAY 28, 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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# GATHER

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The disciples went to Jesus, and he asked them,  
“Who do you say I am?” They answered,  
**You are the eschatological manifestation  
of the ground of our being, the kerygma  
of which we find meaning in our  
interpersonal relationships.**

And Jesus said, “What?! Faith doesn’t have to be that hard.  
Life doesn’t have to be that difficult.”

**Sometimes, we just have to live God’s love.  
Sometimes, we just have to live what we believe.**

And so we are here,  
**simply,  
to sing,  
to celebrate,  
to worship!**

## SONG

### “COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING”

No. 158, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1

Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!

loud praise to Christ our King:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice.

Alleluia! Amen!

2

Come, lift your hearts on high:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend;  
to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end:  
Alleluia! Amen!

3

Praise yet the Lord again:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore  
his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore:  
Alleluia! Amen!

## **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 16:13-20**

**REFLECTION**

Cal Duarte

**SONG**

**“JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES”**

No. 2071, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

Jesus, name above all names,  
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.

Emmanuel, God is with us,  
blessed Redeemer, living Word.

**OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER**

**SONG**

**“O HOW I LOVE JESUS”**

No. 170, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

There is a name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
it sounds like music in my ear,  
the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain:

O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
because he first loved me!

2.

It tells me of a Savior's love,  
who died to set me free;  
it tells me of his precious blood,  
the sinner's perfect plea. [Refrain]

3.

It tells of one whose loving heart  
can feel my deepest woe;  
who in each sorrow bears a part  
that none can bear below. [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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Allen Smith, Chair of Personnel Committee  
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.

## **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**

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 monthly 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.

## **LUNCH BUNCH**

Lunch Bunch will meet at **noon on June 21 at The 45, 45 Milford Street, Medway**. Please contact Nancy Boates (NancyBoates49@hotmail.com, 508-654-2833) by 10 am the day before if you plan to attend.