

# FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Israel's First King

STORIES OF THE FAITH

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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 Lord is King! The Lord is King over all people and all creation.

**The foundations of God's throne are justice and equity, and Holiness and Justice are names for the Lord our God.**

The Lord is King! The Lord is King over the nations, and humanity's cultures, traditions and relationships.

**The foundations of God's throne are love and mercy, and Love and Mercy are names for the Lord our God.**

The Lord is King! The Lord is King over all thought, imagination, intuition, and endless search for knowledge.

**The foundation of God's throne is wisdom, and Wisdom is a name for the Lord our God. Come, let us worship this Holy and Wise God. Amen.**

## SONG

### “REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING”

No. 715 , *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

**1** Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

**3** His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of earth and hell  
are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

**2** Jesus the Savior reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

**4** Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Jesus the Judge shall come,  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home.

We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

# PRAY

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SILENT PRAYER

## COLLECT

# REFLECT

## MINI REFLECTION

### READING

### “ISRAEL’S FIRST KING”

*The Beginner’s Bible*

### SONG

### “O GOD WHO SHAPED CREATION”

No. 443, *UMH* (1989)

1. O God who shaped creation  
at earth's chaotic dawn,  
your word of power was spoken,  
and lo! the dark was gone!  
You framed us in your image,  
you brought us into birth,  
you blessed our infant footsteps  
and shared your splendored earth.
2. O God, with pain and anguish  
a mother sees her child  
embark on dead end pathways,  
alluring, but defiled;  
so too your heart is broken  
when hate and lust increase,  
when worlds you birthed and nurtured  
spurn ways that lead to peace.
3. Although your heart is broken  
when people scorn your ways,  
you never cease your searching  
through evil's darksome maze;  
and when we cease our running,  
your joys, O God, abound  
like joy of searching woman  
when treasured coin is found.
4. O God, when trinkets tarnish  
and pleasures lose their charm,  
when, wearied by our wandering,  
we seek your opened arm,  
with motherlike compassion  
you share your warm embrace;  
you set for us a banquet  
and heal us through your grace.
5. In mercy and compassion  
your goodness is revealed;  
with tenderness you touch us,  
and broken hearts are healed.  
You claim us as your children,  
you strip our prideful shame;  
with freedom born of mercy  
we bless your holy name!

## REFLECTION

### SONG

### “WE UTTER OUR CRY”

No. 439, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1. We utter our cry:  
that peace may prevail,  
that earth will survive,  
and faith must not fail.  
We pray with our life  
for the world in our care,  
for people diminished  
by doubt and despair.
2. We cry from the fright  
of our daily scene  
for strength to say "No"  
to all that is mean:  
designs bearing chaos,  
extinction of life,  
all energy wasted  
on weapons of death.

3. We lift up our hearts  
for children unborn;  
give wisdom, O God,  
that we may hand on,  
replenished and tended,  
this good planet Earth,  
preserving the future  
and wonder of birth.

5. Come with us, Lord;  
love, in protest and march,  
and help us to fire  
with passion your church,  
to match all our statements  
and lofty resolve  
with being, unresting,  
in action involved.

4. Creator of life,  
come, share out, we pray,  
your Spirit on earth,  
revealing the Way  
to leaders conferring  
round tables for peace,  
that they may from bias  
and guile be released.

6. Whatever the ill  
or pressure we face,  
Lord, hearten and heal,  
give insight and grace  
to think and make peace  
with each heartbeat and breath,  
choose Christ before Caesar  
and life before death!

## COMMUNE

### INVITATION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
**all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,  
now and for ever. Amen**

## 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.

## SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

### RESPONSE

### “PEACE BE TO THIS CONGREGATION”

Words by Charles Wesley TUNE: PROMISE (No. 707, *The UMH*)

Peace be to this congregation,  
peace to ev'ry soul therein,  
peace, which flows from Christ's salvation,  
peace, the seal of cancelled sin,  
peace that speaks its heavenly Giver,  
peace, to earthly minds unknown,  
peace divine that lasts forever  
here erect its glorious throne.

Jesus, Prince of peace, be near us;  
fix in all our hearts your home;  
with your gracious presence cheer us;  
let your sacred kingdom come;  
raise to heav'n our expectation,  
give our favored souls to prove  
glorious and complete salvation,  
in the realms of bliss above.

## GO

### 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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# UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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## **JUNE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: BAKED BEANS**

*We will be collecting 28 oz cans of baked beans for the Food Pantry.* Donations can be placed on the table in the sanctuary.

## **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.