

FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



The Wise King

STORIES OF THE FAITH || JUNE 11, 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

Will you, God, live on this small planet earth?
Look! Heaven and earth cannot contain You,
much less this house of prayer
which we have built and cherished.

**Raise the stone and you shall find me,
cleave the wood and I am there.**

There is no god like you, God of Jesus,
neither on earth nor elsewhere in the whole universe!
A God who keeps every promise
and shows unswerving love to your servants
who with all their hearts walk in your ways.

**Blessed are you, our Creator and Redeemer,
in whom we live and move and have our being.**

SONG

“MAKER, IN WHOM WE LIVE”

No. 88 , *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Maker, in whom we live,
in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive
for thy creating love.

Let all the angel throng
give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song
and echoes to the sky.

Incarnate Deity,
let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee
for thy redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners showed
ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, "Salvation to our God,
salvation to the Lamb!"

Spirit of Holiness,
let all thy saints adore
thy sacred energy, and bless
thine heart-renewing power.
Not angel tongues can tell
thy love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable,
the beatific sight.

Eternal, Triune God,
let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record
and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled
before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made
thine everlasting praise.

PRAY

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

READING

“THE WISE KING”
The Beginner's Bible

REFLECTION

SONG

“ETERNAL GOD AND SOVEREIGN LORD”

No. 351, *The Methodist Hymnal* (1964)

*Words adapted by Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Juncker

Eternal God and sovereign Lord,
*On heav'n and earth thou art adored,
Bless thou this house that it may be
A place most meet to learn of thee.

Be pleased to guide, each lengthening year,
*People, O God, who gather here;
Make known to them thy saving grace,
And secret of thy heavenly peace.

From hence send forth a *new lineage,
Of flaming heart and stalwart mind,
Who honor truth, nor fear the crowd,
And dare to trust the living God.

When time in lowly dust has laid
These storied walls our hands have made,
In larger worlds more fully prove
The wonders of redeeming love.

Amen.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER

SONG

“AS A FIRE IS MEANT FOR BURNING”

No. 2237, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God’s name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations,
finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit,
we would live to God’s delight.

As a green bud in the springtime
is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness
’mid earth’s peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance
of God’s new and glorious dawn.

GO

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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UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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.

THANK YOU!

Franklin United Methodist Church Community Garden raised \$159 in the Bloomin' 4 Good Program during the month of May 2023.