

# FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## A Changed Man

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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

Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

**Jesus calls us to worship.**

Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

**Jesus calls us to love.**

Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

**Jesus calls us to justice.**

Let us heed the call of Christ

**and follow him with joy together.**

## SONG

## “JESUS CALLS US”

No. 398 , *UMH* (1989)

1.

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
saying, "Christian, follow me!"

2.

As of old the apostles heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

3.

Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more!"

4.

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these!"

5.

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.

# PRAY

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### SILENT PRAYER

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God of Forgiveness,  
hear now the confession of our sins.

**Our greed and lust for power  
create enemies where we should find friends.**

We fail to offer comfort and aid  
to those who are afraid and beat down  
by the burdens of life.

**We are a blind and willful as Saul  
to the pain and destruction  
of our wrongdoings  
and our well-meaning crusades.**

Forgive us, merciful One.  
Give us sight to see with your eyes,  
that we may bring hope and peace to our world.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

God's anger lasts but a moment,  
but God's favor lasts a lifetime.  
The Lord forgives our shortcomings  
and sends deliverance through Christ,  
just as the Lord forgave Saul  
and used him to spread the gospel.

**Thanks be to God!**

### 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

## “A CHANGED MAN”

*The Beginner's Bible*

## REFLECTION

## SONG

## “THE SUMMONS”

No. 2130, FWS(2001)

1.

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2.

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

3.

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4.

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5.

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## OFFERING

## DOXOLOGY

## PRAYER

## SONG

## “HERE I AM LORD”

No. 593, UMH (1989)

1.

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain : Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them,  
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

3.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

## 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 August 11 at 7pm**. We will be reading *Someone Else's Shoes* by Jojo Moyes. Joining information can be found on the church calendar.

## **NEXT COMMUNITY COOKOUT**

**Saturday July 22 5:30– 6:30**

Burgers, hot dogs, chips & drinks. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

## **THANK YOU!**

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