

# FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Joseph's Colorful Robe

STORIES OF THE FAITH || JULY 23, 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

Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters: here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

**Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:  
here, in these moments,  
we are reminded that God is with us, always!**

Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:

**here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!' in every situation.**

## SONG

## “GATHER US IN”

No. 2236 , FWS (2001)

**Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of our name**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry  
Called to be light to the whole human race  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song**

Here we will take the wine and the water  
Here we will take the bread of new birth  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion  
Give us to eat the bread that is you  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining  
Not in some heaven light years away  
But here in this place the new light is shining  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day  
Gather us in and hold us forever  
Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in, all peoples together  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone

## **PRAY**

### **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

**READING**

**“JOSEPH’S COLORFUL ROBE”**

*The Beginner’s Bible*

**REFLECTION**

**SONG**

**“WHEN CAIN KILLED ABEL”**

No. 2135, *TFWS* (2001)

**When Cain killed Abel in a fight  
And Jacob stole another’s right  
When Joseph’s brothers gave him chase  
God wept and mourned their fall from grace.**

**In every family, small or great  
When jealousy twists love to hate  
And rivals turn to enemies  
God weeps at our hostilities.**

**And when in church and world today  
Such feelings still come into play  
when brothers, sisters stand apart  
God weeps for every broken heart.**

**Good Christians, join in God’s lament  
Weep now and mourn, be penitent  
And pray to God: forgive us all  
Restore us as before the fall.**

**OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER**

**SONG**

**“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”**

No. 431, UMH (1989)

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
    With God our creator, children all are we.  
    Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
    With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
    Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me

**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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Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

# UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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## **JULY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: DRY CAT/ DOG FOOD**

*We will be collecting 6-10 lb bags of dry cat/dog food for the Food Pantry.* Donations can be placed on the table in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

## **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 8 at 7pm**. We will be reading *It Ends With Us* by Colleen Hoover. Joining information can be found on the church calendar.

## **NEXT COMMUNITY COOKOUT**

**Saturday August 26 5:30– 6:30**

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