

FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Joseph Saves His Family

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GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The extravagant love of God has called us together. For long before we were even aware of it, God knew us.

God had already chosen us to be part of God's family—children of God!

And having chosen us, God called us; and having called us, God justifies us; and having justified us, God gave us God's glory!

What extravagant love is this! Let's worship God together.

SONG

“WE ARE GOD’S PEOPLE”

No. 2220 , FWS (2001)

**We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of the Spirit, established by the Word.
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Christ we stand;
O let us live transparently
and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.**

**We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ, our Lord,
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured.
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given;
O let us share each joy and care
and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.**

**We are the body of which the Lord is Head,
called to obey Christ, now risen from the dead.
God wills us be a family diverse, yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God
and so shall God's work on earth be done.**

**We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace.
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire;
yet joined in one the flame burns on
to give warmth and light and to inspire.**

PRAY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

COLLECT

SONG

“IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”

No. 377, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
(Refrain)

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
(Refrain)

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.
(Refrain)

REFLECT

MINI-REFLECTION (CHILDREN’S TIME)

Following the Mini-Reflection, children in pre-K through grade 5 are invited to attend Sunday School where they will read a story from scripture, do an activity, and discuss the story together. Teachers will meet children at the rear of the worship space. Children will return to the sanctuary for Holy Communion near the conclusion of worship.

READING

“JOSEPH SAVES HIS FAMILY”

The Beginner's Bible

REFLECTION

SONG “WE’LL UNDERSTAND IT BETTER BY AND BY”

No. 525, *UMH* (1989)

We are tossed and driven
on the restless sea of time;
somber skies and howling tempests
oft succeed a bright sunshine;
in that land of perfect day,
when the mists have rolled away,
we will understand it better by and by.

Refrain:

By and by, when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,
we'll tell the story how we've overcome,
for we'll understand it better by and by.

We are often destitute
of the things that life demands,
want of food and want of shelter,
thirsty hills and barren lands;
we are trusting in the Lord,
and according to God's word,
we will understand it better by and by. [Refrain]

Trials dark on every hand,
and we cannot understand
all the ways that God would lead us
to that blessed promised land;
but he guides us with his eye,
and we'll follow till we die
for we'll understand it better by and by. [Refrain]

Temptations, hidden snares
often take us unawares,
and our hearts are made to bleed
for a thoughtless word or deed;
and we wonder why the test
when we try to do our best,
but we'll understand it better by and by. [Refrain]

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”

No. 399, UMH (1989)

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!

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

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.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at **noon on August 16 at Mac's, West Central St, Franklin.** Please contact Nancy Boates (NancyBoates49@hotmail.com, 508-654-2833) by 10 am the day before if you plan to attend.

NEXT COMMUNITY COOKOUT

Saturday August 26 5:30– 6:30

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