

FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



A Baby in a Basket

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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

If it had not been God who was on our side,
**the troubles of our world would have
swallowed us whole.**

If it had not been God who was on our side,
the sorrows of our times would have swept us away.

Are any among us suffering?
Come and pray.

Are any among us cheerful?
Come sing songs of praise.

Are any among us sick?
Come and ask for healing.

Our help is in our God,
the One who made heaven and earth.

SONG

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

No. 117, *UMH* (1999)

1.

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!**

2.

**Under the shadow of thy throne,
still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.**

3.

**Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

4.

A thousand ages, in thy sight,
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night,
before the rising sun.

5.

Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

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

“A BABY IN A BASKET”

The Beginner's Bible

REFLECTION

Allen Smith

SONG

“A MOTHER LINED A BASKET”

No. 2189, FWS (2001)

1

A mother lined a basket to keep her baby dry,
then rocked him on a river, lest he awake and cry.
She let a princess name him her son that he might live.
God's people had a leader. She had such hope to give.

2

A mother sewed a jacket, lined in the softest wool,
then dressed her little boy-child, her cup of blessing full.
She brought him to the temple where he would serve and live.
God's people had a prophet. She had such faith to give.

3

A mother laid her baby in manger lined with straw;
then, in the shepherds' story, his call from God foresaw.
She nurtured him and taught him the way that he must live.
God's people had a savior. She had such love to give.

4

Like Jochebed and Hannah, and Mary too,
we know the hardest part of loving is learning to let go,
so when we send our children out in the world to live,
grant us such hope and faith, God, and love enough to give.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER

SONG

“CHRIST BESIDE ME”

No. 2166, *FWS* (2001)

(Tune: BUNESSAN, “Morning Has Broken,” UMH 145)

1

Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me never to part.

2

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising light of my life.

3

Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me never to part.

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

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.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet (virtually) on **Tuesday September 12 at 7pm.**

We will be reading *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan. Joining information can be found on the church calendar.

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