

FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



The Red Sea

STORIES OF THE FAITH || AUGUST 27, 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

The Lord is our strength and our song, and he
has become our salvation.

This is our God, and we will exalt God.

Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?

**Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?**

In your steadfast love you led the people whom
you redeemed; you guided them by your
strength to your holy abode.

Now lead us, O God.

SONG

“Lead On, O Cloud of Presence”

No. 2234 , FWS (2001)

1.

Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come,
in wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.
Our slavery left behind us, new hopes within us grow.
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.

2.

Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,
but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.
We are not lost, though wandering, for by your light we come,
and we are still God’s people. The journey is our home.

3.

Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,
and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.
We pray our sons and daughters may journey to that land
where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law’s demand.

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

“THE RED SEA”

The Beginner's Bible

REFLECTION

SONG

“TRAVELING WITH GOD (ONE MORE STEP)”

No. 109, Upper Room Worship Book (2006)

1.

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new
keep me traveling along with you.

Refrain:

And it's from the old I travel to the new,
keep me traveling along with you.

2.

'Round the corners of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn.

All the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me.

Refrain

3.

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me traveling the way I should.

Where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know.

Refrain

4.

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough.

Leap and sing in all I do,
keep me traveling along with you.

Refrain

5.

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me.

Ever old and ever new,
keep me traveling along with you.

Refrain

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER

SONG

“TO WORSHIP, WORK, AND WITNESS”

No. 263, *Celebrating Grace Hymnal* (2010)

TUNE: WEBB (UMH. 514, “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”)

1

To worship, work, and witness,
the Good News spread abroad,
we magnify your mission,
Church of the living God;
the Father's new creation
through Jesus Christ His Son,
the Spirit has empowered
to do as Christ has done.

2

Be yours the Master's purpose
to seek and save the lost,
to ransom those in bondage,
to dare nor count the cost;
to love and lift the lowly,
to heed the prisoner's groan,
to take up others' burdens
and bear them as your own.

3

As members of Christ's body,
hold fast to Christ your Head;
become Christ's open letter,
by others to be read;
bear witness as Christ's temple,
Himself the cornerstone,
and be Christ's living altar
whereon His love is shown.

Congregational Discussion & Vote

The Church Council moves that "Franklin United Methodist Church moves forward with a capital campaign with Horizons Stewardship." All persons, participating in person, may join in the discussion of the motion; all members of the congregation, participating in person, may vote on the motion.

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

BLOOMIN 4 GOOD

FUMC has been selected again for the Franklin Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program for September. FUMC will receive a \$1 donation for every \$10.99 bouquet in the sleeve marked "Bloomin' 4 Good" purchased at the Franklin Stop & Shop location in September. For more information about the Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program, please visit stopandshop.2givelocal.com.

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) **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.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at **noon on Wednesday September 27 at Longhorn Steakhouse in the Stop & Shop Plaza, 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 September 23 5:30– 6:30

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