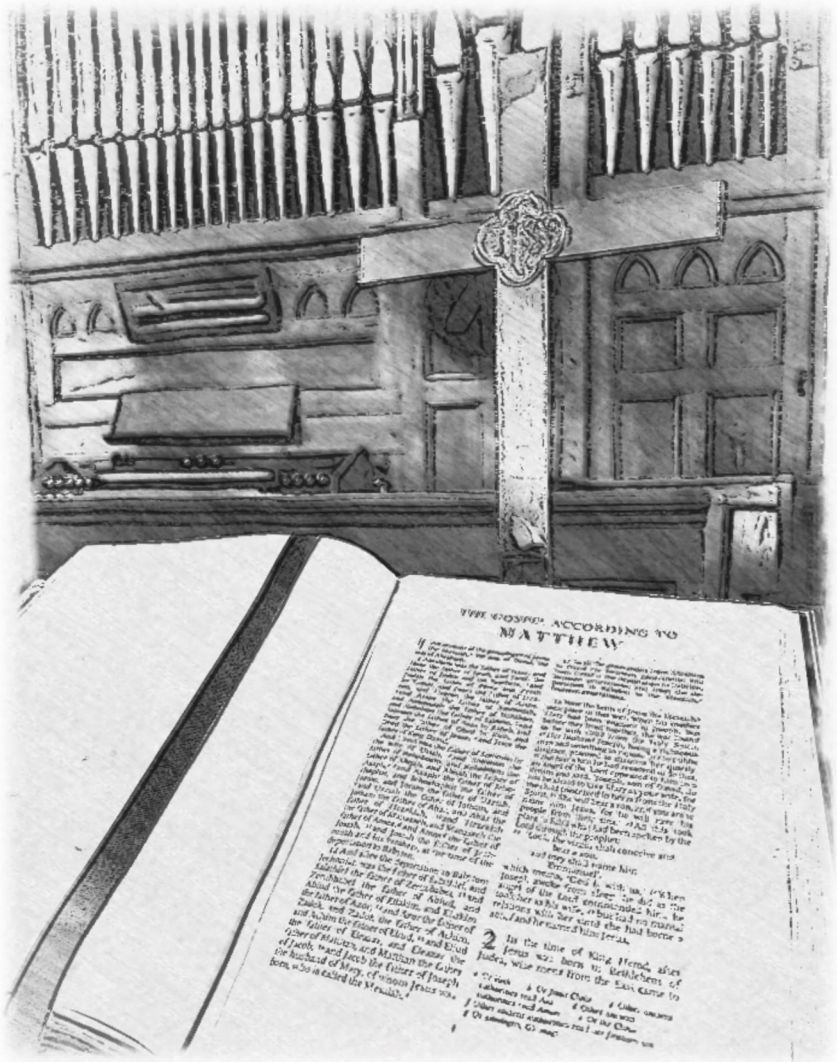


# FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## What are you working for?

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW || SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

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# WELCOME TO FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

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This service of worship is gathering in-person in the vestry, in-person via Google Meet, and streaming on YouTube.

This worship aid, or “bulletin,” will guide you through this service, offering you a brief outline and instructions for the service along with the responses, prayers, and lyrics to the songs we will sing together. Congregational responses are typically **bolded**.

Please record your gift of presence and make your other offerings using the offering card included in the print bulletin. Online worshippers are encouraged to record their presence and offerings online at **[franklinumc.org/offering](http://franklinumc.org/offering)**.

Financial contributions can be made in the offering plate (cash or check made payable to “Franklin United Methodist Church”) or online by going to **[franklinumc.org/giving](http://franklinumc.org/giving)**.

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## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

**but Christ who chose us,**

That we are not here because of our goodness

**but because of Christ's grace,**

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

**but to allow Christ to enlighten us,**

That we have not come to be entertained

**but to worship God with heart, soul,  
mind and strength.**

## SONG

### “COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING”

No. 61, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1. Come, thou almighty King,  
help us thy name to sing,  
help us to praise!  
Father all glorious,  
o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!
2. Come, thou incarnate Word,  
gird on thy mighty sword,  
our prayer attend!  
Come, and thy people bless,  
and give thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!
3. Come, holy Comforter,  
thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art,  
now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!
4. To thee, great One in Three,  
eternal praises be,  
hence, evermore.  
Thy sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore!

## **PRAYERS**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **SILENT PRAYER**

#### **COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)**

#### **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.

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**MATTHEW 19:16-20:16**

#### **REFLECTION**

Pastor Jacob

#### **SONG**

**“GRACE ALONE”**

No. 2162, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

1.

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,  
every difference we will make is only by his grace.  
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,  
every blessing left behind is only by his grace.  
Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.  
Christ in us, our cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

2.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,  
everywhere we share his peace is only by His grace.  
every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,  
every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace.  
Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.  
Christ in us, our cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

## OFFERTORY

### SHARING OUR TITHES & GIFTS

#### DOXOLOGY

No. 95, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy

Ghost. Amen.

#### PRAYER

#### SONG

### “LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE”

No. 581, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

Lord, whose love through humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
offered mercy's perfect deed:  
We, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart,  
Consecrating to your purpose  
every gift that you impart.

2.

Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed  
the sick and freed the soul,  
Use the love your Spirit kindles  
still to save and make us whole.

3.

As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to tireless striving  
your abundant life to share.

4.

Called by worship to your service,  
forth in your dear name we go  
To the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show;  
Hope and health, good will and comfort,  
counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy know, and live.

## **SENDING**

### **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **POSTLUDE**

# THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

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We hope that you found, 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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## 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](http://stopandshop.2givelocal.com).

## COMMUNITY COOKOUT: Saturday September 23

All are invited to a FREE community cookout at the church on **Saturday, September 23. Food will be served from 5:30-6:30p.** Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. This event is outside in the grassy lot at the end of the parking area. In case of rain, this event will be cancelled. Notices will be posted to the church's website and FB page. This event is paid for by the Mission Fund.

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Join us for a FREE ice cream social following worship on Sunday, September 24. Ice cream sundaes will be provided by T.C. Scoops. No RSVP is necessary. This event is paid for by the Mission Fund.

## 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](mailto:NancyBoates49@hotmail.com), 508-654-2833) by 10 am the day before if you plan to attend.

## BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet (virtually) **Tuesday October 10 at 7pm.** The group will be reading *The Light We Carry* by Michelle Obama. Joining information can be found on the church calendar