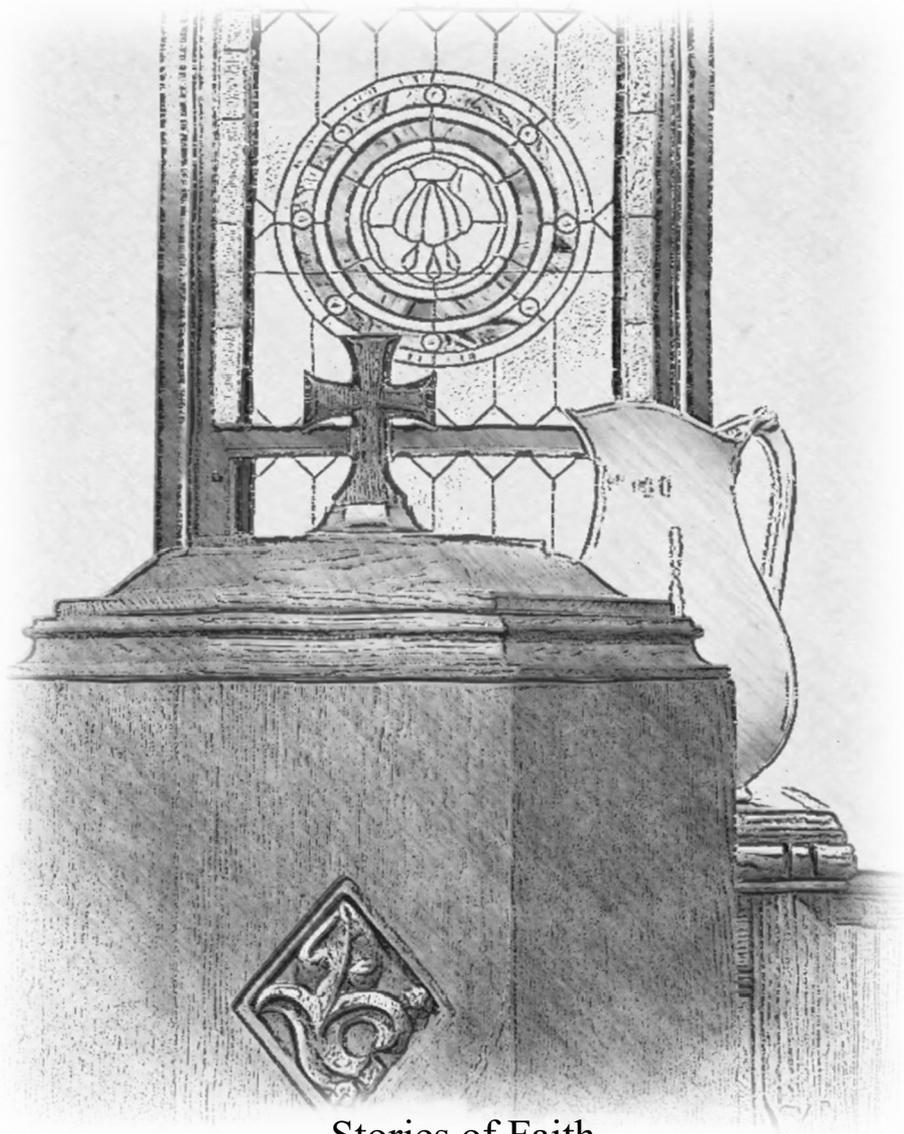


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Stories of Faith The First Church

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WELCOME TO FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

This service of worship is gathering in-person at the church building, 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**.

Prayer requests can be made by filling out the offering form enclosed with the print bulletins, or by going to **franklinumc.org/pray**. Confidential requests will be sent to the pastor. Non-confidential requests will be distributed to the Prayer Team.

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/give**.

To learn about ways you can volunteer, and sign up, go to **franklinumc.org/volunteer**. You can also sign up to volunteer by filling out the offering form enclosed with the print bulletins. All persons who sign up to volunteer will receive an email confirmation of your volunteer registration.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said,

**“Where two or more are gathered in my name,
I am there.”**

Jesus is here. We sense his presence, the very presence of God
in our midst,

**in the smiles and laughter we share, in our
concern for one another, and the support and
encouragement that we offer.**

God is here. The long-awaited Comforter, the Holy Spirit,
is in this place

**filling us with God’s love and empowering us to
live that Love in the world.**

SONG

“SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT”

No. 334, UMH (1989)

There's a sweet sweet spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

A SERVICE OF BAPTISM

MILA WEAVER

INTRODUCTION

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and
include *Mila* in your care?

**With God’s help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

We will surround this child

**with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them, that they may be a true
disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the
example of Christ, that *this child*, surrounded by
steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and
confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to
life eternal.**

SONG "I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY"

No. 2051, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COLLECT

LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895, *UMH* (1989)

**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

THE FIRST CHURCH

The Beginner's Bible (Zondervan, 2005),
based on Acts 2:42-47

REFLECTION

SONG

“JESUS, LORD, WE LOOK TO THEE”

No. 562, *UMH* (1989)

Jesu, Lord, we look to thee, Let us in thy name agree;
Show thyself the Prince of Peace: Bid our strife for ever cease.

By thy reconciling love, Ev'ry stumbling-block remove:
Each to each unite, endear, Come and spread thy banner here!

Make us of one heart and mind, gentle, courteous, and kind;
Lowly, meek, in thought and word, Altogether like our Lord.

Let us for each other care, Each the other's burden bear;
To thy church the pattern give, Show how true believers live.

Free from anger and from pride, Let us thus in God abide;
All the depths of love express, All the heights of holiness.

Let us then with joy remove To the family above:
On the wings of angels fly; Shew how true believers die.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER

SONG

“BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS”

No. 557, *UMH*(1989)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

SENDING

THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you.
And also with you.

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

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

“BRUNCH CHURCH” SUNDAY JUNE 9

Let's do brunch! Join us for worship in the vestry/fellowship hall where we will sing, pray, reflect, and enjoy brunch together. All are welcome! Pancakes, sausage and fruit, juice and coffee will be served.

MAY COLLECTION

This month's Food Pantry collection is 32 oz All purpose cleaning sprays. Donations can be brought on Sunday mornings. At the end of the month all items will be brought over to the Franklin Food Pantry.

BOOK CLUB

This month the Book Club will be reading “Hello Beautiful” by Anna Nepolitano . The next meeting will be on **June 11 at 7pm**. The group will meet in a hybrid format, for those who would like to meet in person, or online (<https://meet.goto.com/richp/churchbookclub>), or by phone (224-501-3412, access code is 789-141-869).

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Franklin Meals on Wheels office is looking for onsite volunteers, weekday mornings at the church. Meals on Wheels provides nutritious meals to in-need, homebound seniors in Franklin, Bellingham, Blackstone, and Medway. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Jeanne (Monday through Friday, 10a-1p) by phone at [508-520-1422](tel:508-520-1422).

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

Prayer requests are distributed by email to the Prayer Team. Members of the Prayer Team pray for the requests of our church family, friends, community, and world as requested. Team members hold each request in prayer for at least three days. See Pastor Jacob if interested.

LOOKING AHEAD...MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FREE Community Cookouts are scheduled for Saturday, July 27, August 24, September 28. They will be held in the grassy area behind the church. Food will be served from 5:30-6:30p. Limited seating will be made available, you are asked to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on if you have one.