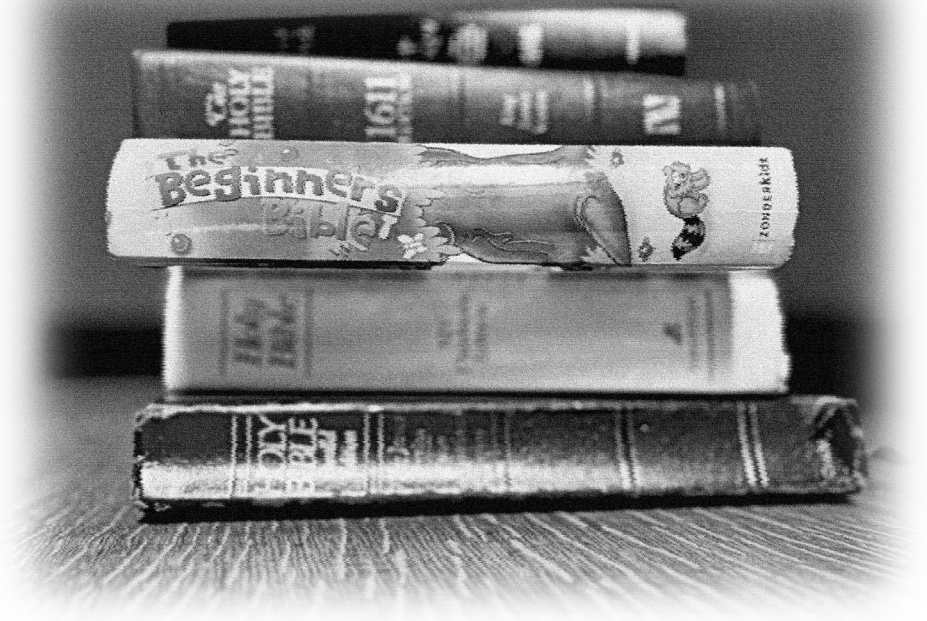


FRANKLIN UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



Stories of Faith
The Lame Man

Sunday June 2, 2024

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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

We have many cares in this world.

We are pulled in many directions.

The weight can be immense.

We come to this place tossed and, some of us, torn.

We come to make our wants and wishes known.

We come to find relief.

**We come to this sweet hour seeking comfort, healing,
and grace that we might be restored and renewed to
live life that truly is life today, tomorrow and into
eternity.**

SONG

“SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER”

No. 496, *UMH* (1989)

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

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 LAME MAN

The Beginner's Bible (Zondervan, 2005),
based on Acts 3:1-10

REFLECTION

J. Caleb Duarte

SONG

“HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL”

No. 2213, *FWS* (2001)

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love.

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

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

“O CHRIST, THE HEALER”

No. 265, *UMH*(1989)

O Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.

How can we fail to be restored
when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamor to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!

Release in us those healing truths
unconscious pride resists or shelves.

In conflicts that destroy our health
we recognize the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills.
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.

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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John Milot, Chair of Resource Committee
Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

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.

PHASE II CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION EVENT // JUNE 29 @5:30P

Join us as we celebrate where we are with the Phase II Capital Campaign and where we are headed as a congregation. We'll gather in the vestry (community hall) at 5:30p, hear a campaign update, recognize campaign leaders and guests, and look at what lies ahead. Dinner and fellowship will begin at 6:00p. We have much to celebrate and look forward to. Everyone is invited. This event is being catered. Please RSVP to Dawn Pokorny (dawnp@jhpokorny.net), online at franklinumc.org/phase-ii by June 16 or today's Offering Form.

JUNE COLLECTION

This month's Food Pantry collection is any baking items such as: flour, sugar, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda and spices. 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 Napolitano . The next meeting will be on **June 11 at 7pm**. The group will meet in a hybrid format, 18 Eisenhower Drive, Franklin 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).

LUNCH BUNCH

The next gathering will be at **Mak's, 451 West Central St, Franklin on June 19 at 12 PM**. All are welcome. Please notify Nancy Boates by phone 508-654-2833 or email NancyBoates49@hotmail.com by 10 am if you plan to attend.

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.