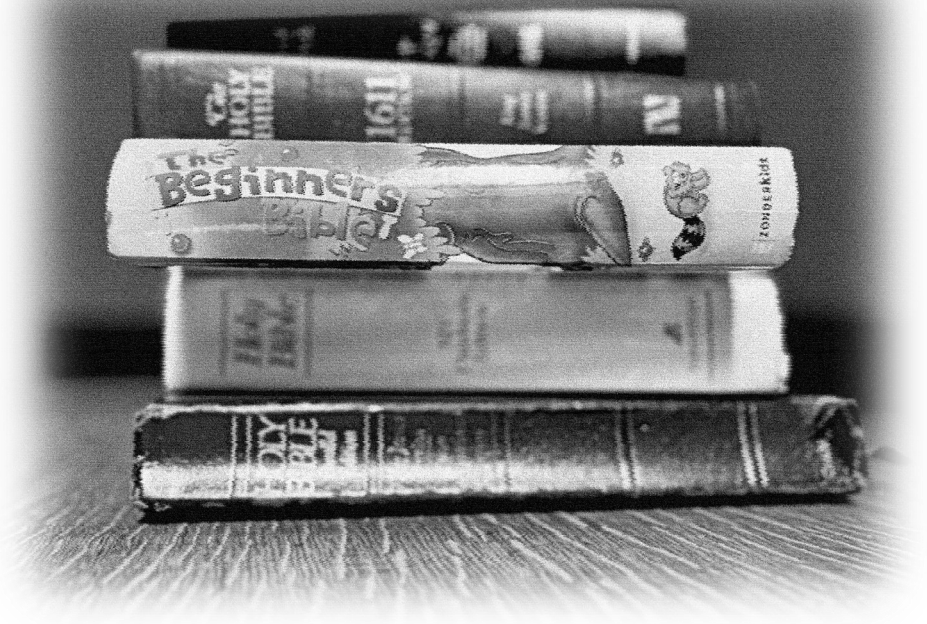


FRANKLIN UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



Stories of Faith
Jesus Feeds Thousands

Sunday June 30, 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 come believing in our emptiness,
**believing that we will never have enough,
believing that what we have is unworthy.**

We come fearful of sharing,
**fearful of losing our tenuous grip on security,
fearful of touching and knowing the pain of others.**

We come overwhelmed by the hunger,
**overwhelmed by the suffering of children
near and far, overwhelmed by the endless tales of
senseless violence, greed, and death.**

We come aching from the weight of the responsibility,
**aching from the chilling challenge of knowing
our abundance, aching from the gnawing
awareness that we have much to share.**

We come clinging to our meager lunches:
**bless them, and us; break them, and us;
share them, and us.**

SONG

“TAKE OUR BREAD”

No. 640, *UMH* (1989)

Take our bread, We ask You, take our hearts, We love You.
Take our lives, Oh Father, we are Yours, We are Yours.

Yours as we stand at the table you set,
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the sign of Your life with us yet,
We are Yours, We are Yours.

Take our bread, We ask You, take our hearts, We love You.
Take our lives, Oh Father, we are Yours, We are Yours.

Your holy people standing washed in Your blood,
Spirit filled, yet hungry, we await Your food.
We are poor, but we've brought ourselves the best we could,
We are Yours, We are Yours.

Take our bread, We ask You, take our hearts, We love You.
Take our lives, Oh Father, we are Yours, We are Yours.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE READING

JESUS FEEDS THOUSANDS

The Beginner's Bible (Zondervan, 2005)

REFLECTION

SONG

“WHERE IS BREAD?”

THE GREAT CROWD MURMURED”

WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (2000)

TUNE: BEECHER (No. 384, *UMH* [1989])

“Where is bread?” the great crowd murmured—
Thousands strong, yet all in need.
“Where is bread?” your people wondered,
Faced with such a crowd to feed.
Who, Lord Jesus, could have guessed it?
One small boy brought food to share.
Taking what he gave, you blessed it;
All were fed, with much to spare.

Where is bread? We know their yearning;
Every day, we wish for more.
God, in time, we're slowly learning:
All we own can make us poor.
Our possessions can possess us,
Leaving hunger deep inside.
Christ our Bread, come now and bless us;
At your feast, we're satisfied.

“Where is bread?” the call is rising;
Millions cry who must be fed.
God, your answer seems surprising:
“You, my Church, you give them bread.”
Bread to fill each hungry spirit,
Bread for hungry stomachs, too!
Give us bread and help us share it.
Richly blest, may we serve you.

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus
Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering
for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

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.**

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

RESPONSE “NOW LET US FROM THIS TABLE RISE”

No. 634, *UMH* (1989)

Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind, and soul;
with Christ we die and live again,
his selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace
to spread the word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

Then grant us courage, Father God,
to choose again the pilgrim way,
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

SENDING

THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you always.
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

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.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is a monthly gathering where people talk and enjoy fellowship over a meal at area restaurants. The next gathering will be at **Longhorn Steakhouse, Franklin on July 17 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.