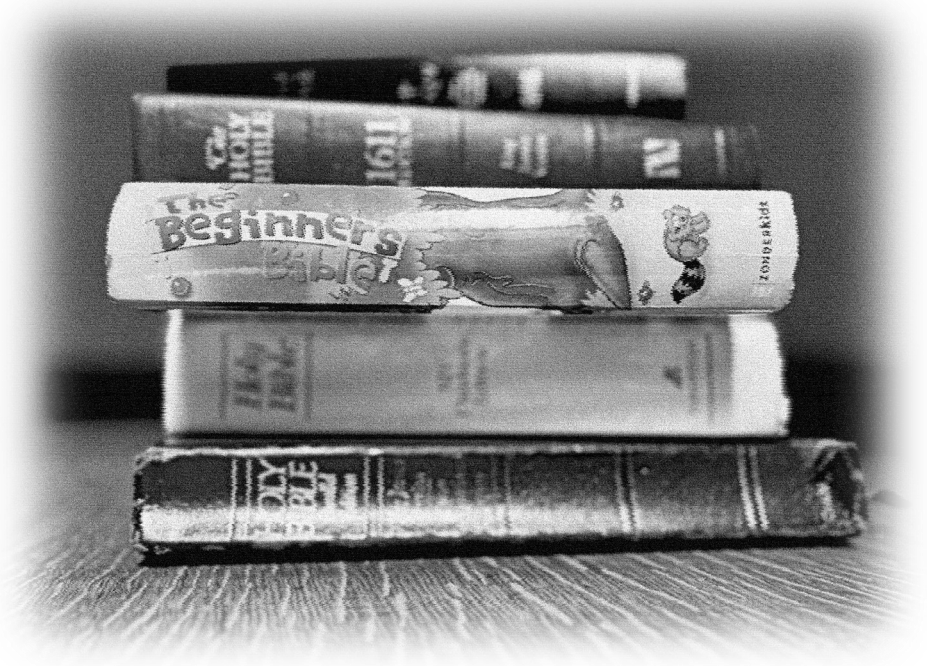


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Stories of Faith John Baptizes Jesus

Sunday July 28, 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 are marked as God's beloved ones.

What have we done to deserve God's love?

God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

**Even when we are difficult and turn away
from God,**

God's love never vanishes from us.

**Thanks be to God who is ever faithful, whose love
never ends and is always there to lift us up.**

SONG

“LOVE LIFTED ME”

No. 3101, W&S (2011)

I was sinking deep in sin,
Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within,
Sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea
Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me—
Now safe am I.

Refrain:

Love lifted me, Love lifted me, When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me; Love lifted me, Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

All my heart to Him I give,
Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live,
Ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true
Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too,
To Him belongs. [Refrain]

Souls in danger, look above,
Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love
Out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea,
Billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be—
Be saved today. [Refrain]

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

“JOHN BAPTIZES JESUS”

The Beginner's Bible (Zondervan, 2005)

SONG

“WADE IN THE WATER”

No. 2107, *FWS* (2001)

Refrain:

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God's a-gonna trouble the water.
Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God's a-gonna trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.
The leader looks like the Israelite,
God's a-gonna trouble the water. [Refrain]

See that band all dressed in red,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.
Looks like the band that Moses led,
God's a-gonna trouble the water. [Refrain]

Look over yonder, what do I see?
God's a-gonna trouble the water.
The Holy Ghost a-coming on me,
God's a-gonna trouble the water. [Refrain]

If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,
God's a-gonna trouble the water. [Refrain]

REFLECTION

SONG

“DOWN BY THE JORDAN”

No. 3045, W&S (2001)

Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing,
preaching a message the people found bold and surprising.
“God will forgive! Show that you’ll change how you live!
Surely God’s new day is rising!”

There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation:
“Are you God’s Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?”
“No!” John replied. “He who is mightier than I
judges and offers salvation.”

Jesus, you went to be baptized along with the others,
taking your place among sinners, God’s lost sons and daughters.
Then with great love, God’s Spirit came as a dove!
Your work began in those waters.

Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God’s Spirit.
Freed and forgiven we’re welcomed with joy! Can you hear it?
This is God’s sign! This is how God says, “You’re mine!”
Let’s take the good news and share it!

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

No. 95, *UMH* (1989)

**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

“THIS IS A DAY OF NEW BEGINNINGS”

No. 383, *UMH* (1989)

This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that’s gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.

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

COMMUNITY CONCERT

FRIDAY AUGUST 9 @ 7PM WITH LOLA RICHARDSON

Free and open to the public. Reception to follow.

COMMUNITY CLOSET

FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH

Volunteering is a great way to meet others (both those who are volunteering and those who are shopping). *Please note: volunteers must be able to navigate stairs as the Community Closet is in the old balcony of the church.* You can sign up to volunteer at franklinumc.org/volunteer. **The second and fourth Tuesday is a day to SORT ONLY.** *The Community Closet will not be open for shopping on these days.* If you would like to sign up a group to volunteer, outside the listed times, please contact Pastor Jacob at jacob@franklinumc.org.

JULY COLLECTION

This month's Food Pantry collection is any condiments in plastic bottles such as: ketchup, mayo, mustard, relish.. At the end of the month all items will be brought over to the Franklin Food Pantry.

LUNCH BUNCH

The next gathering will be at **The 99 in Franklin on August 21 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.