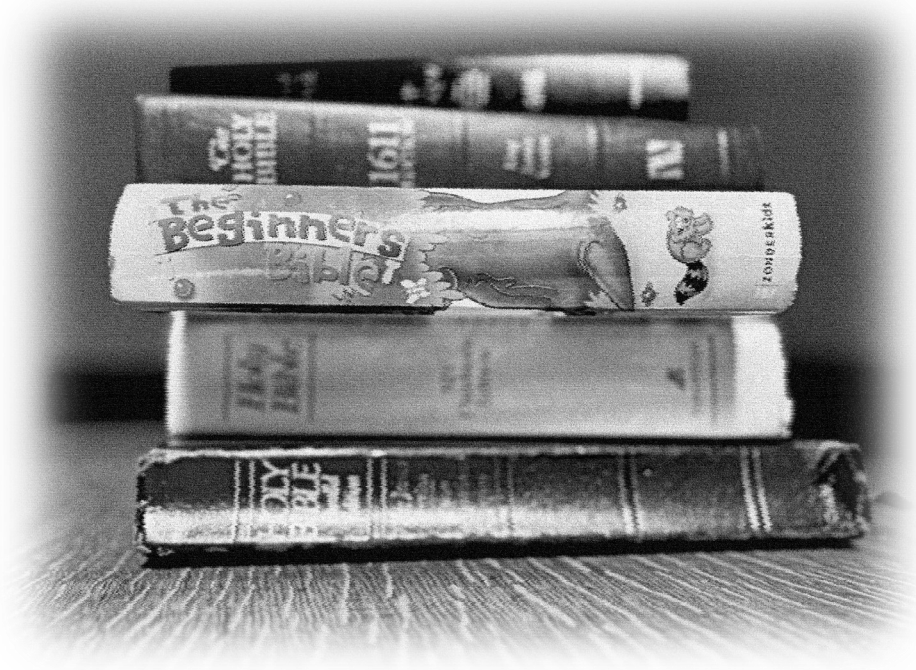


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Stories of Faith Boy King Josiah

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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

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

To give thanks to the name of the Lord.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, our community, and our world. "May they prosper who love you."

"Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say,
"Peace be within you."

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

SONG

"WELCOME"

No. 3152, W&S (2011)

1

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace,
Singing welcome, welcome to this place
You're invited to come and know God's grace
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.

2

Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
Where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
And joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,
Singing welcome, welcome to this place
You're invited to come and know God's grace
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.

Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,
 A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
 Where our mourning turns to dancing,
 every creature lifts its voice crying welcome! Welcome to this place
 You're invited to come and know God's grace
 All are welcome the love of God to share
 'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LORD'S PRAYER

No. 95, *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

BOY KING JOSIAH

REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

SONG

“I’M WORKING ON A BUILDING”

Traditional, African American Spiritual

I’m workin’ on a buildin’, I’m workin’ on a buildin’,
I’m workin’ on a buildin’, for my Lord, for my Lord.

1.

If I was a preacher, I tell you what I would do,
I’d keep on preachin’ and I’d work on the buildin’ too.

Chorus

I’m workin’ on a building.
I’m workin’ on a building.
I’m workin’ on a building, for my Lord, for my Lord.
It’s a Holy Ghost building.
It’s a Holy Ghost building.
It’s a Holy Ghost building, for my Lord, for my Lord.

2.

If I was a gambler, I’d tell you what I would do,
I’d quit my gamblin’ and I’d work on the buildin’ too.
[Chorus]

3.

If I was a sinner, I tell you what I would do,
I’d quit my sinnin’ and I’d work on the buildin’ too.
[Chorus]

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

“WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION”

No. 2243, *The Faith We Sing* (2001)

1

We all are one in mission;
We all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.

2

We all are called for service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others
by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.

3

Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH?

TODAY after worship

You're invited to join the Community Outreach Team as they seek to build bridges between the church, other communities of faith, and the surrounding community. We'll be discussing the Community Closet, Concerts, and Cookouts among other things. If you have any questions about this team or upcoming meetings, please contact Tricia Prewitt (pptricia198@gmail.com).

LUNCH BUNCH

The next gathering will be at **Mak's Roastbeef, 451 West Central St, Franklin, on Wednesday, July 16 at 12 PM.** All are welcome. Please notify Nancy Boates by phone 508-654-2833 or email NancyBoates49@hotmail.com by 10 am if attending.

COMMUNITY CLOSET: NEW HOURS!

Looking for a closet refresh - or shopping for those with a need ? The generosity of our community and the staffing by volunteers helps us provide pre-loved and new clothing to all. The closet is now open every Tuesday 12p-2p. You can shop or sign up to volunteer at franklinumc.org/volunteer.

MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

It's summer! Assorted chips 8-10 oz or assorted cookies 8-12 oz. are asked for by the Franklin Food Pantry. Everything will be delivered to the Pantry at the end of the month. Thank you!

FISH OF FRANKLIN SEEKS VOLUNTEERS:

FISH of Franklin's mission is helping Franklin residents get to their medical appointments. Volunteers are needed to either answer telephone requests from those needing rides and volunteers willing to drive clients to medical appointments once a month. If you are interested in volunteering, call 508-528-2121, leave a message and a member of the Steering Committee will return your call.

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).

2025 COMMUNITY COOKOUTS!

Saturday August 23, & September 27! Free burgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be served from 5:30-6:30p in the grassy area behind the church. Vegetarian options will be available. All are invited. In case of rain, these events are cancelled. To learn more, go to franklinumc.org/community/cookouts.