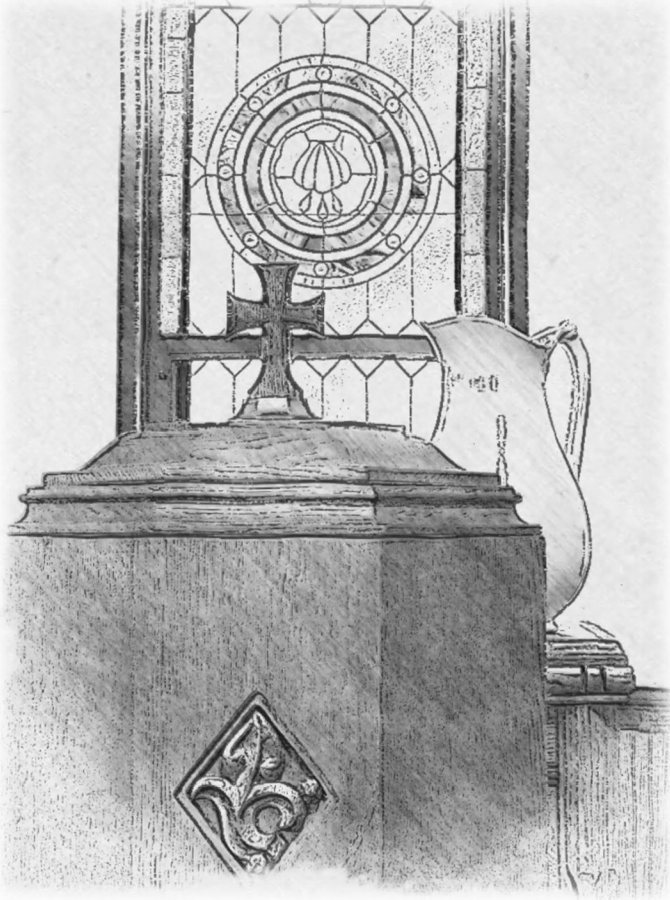


# FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Stories of Faith

## The Brave Queen

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# WELCOME TO FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

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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.

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## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day:

**another opportunity to connect with God and one another.**

This is the day:

**another day when we choose to live into God's promises  
allowing God's Love to root deep and spread among us.**

This is the day:

**this is the day that the Lord has made.**

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Let us worship God for this day, this opportunity, we have  
to be together.**

## SONG

## "THIS IS THE DAY"

No. 657, UMH (1989)

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made,  
that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice, let us rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord hath made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

## SERVICE OF BAPTISM

## CAMDEN & AVERY MICHAUD

### INTRODUCTION

### RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil,  
injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present them-  
selves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in  
his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord,  
in union with the Church which Christ has opened  
to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.**

Will you nurture these children in Christ's holy church, that by  
your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's  
grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a  
Christian life? **I will.**

## CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

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

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

**We will surround these children 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

Members of the household of God, I commend to your love and care these children, whom we this day recognize as members of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that these children may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that these children, 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, FWS (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

### SILENT PRAYER

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

### 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 BRAVE QUEEN

## REFLECTION

Pastor Jacob

**SONG**

**“COME, LET US HONOR ESTHER”**

Words by Hal H. Hopkins (1983)

TUNE: MERLE'S TUNE (“Blessed Be the God of Israel,” UMH 209)

Come, let us honor Esther, her courage we applaud.  
When she could live with riches, she dared to serve her God.  
She could not rest with privilege, deny her people's fate.  
She chose to live her calling: serve those outside the gate.

God, grant that we, like Esther, have courage for our quest,  
and use our past experience to serve those not as blessed.  
Help us to trust you fully that we may find our bliss,  
and answer when you call us for 'such a time as this.'

**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**

**“LET OUR EARTH BE PEACEFUL”**

No. 3159, *W&S* (2011)

Let our earth be peaceful, let our hearts be hopeful,  
let our hands be gentle for the love of God.

Let our ways be mindful, mending what is hurtful,  
doing what is needful for the love of God.

Let our lives be fruitful, beautiful and playful,  
every day be thankful for the love of God.

**SENDING**

**THE PEACE**

The peace of the Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**POSTLUDE**

# THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

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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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Inger Anderson, Chair of Committee on Ministry

# **UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES**

## **COMMUNITY COOKOUTS**

**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](http://franklinumc.org/community/cookouts).

## **CHARGE CONFERENCE**

**TODAY after church. At this meeting we will:**

1. Discuss/vote on a new lease agreement with Aprende Spanish Immersion.
2. Discuss/vote on the construction loan in the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, (\$450,000) and permanent loan terms being offered by the United Methodist Foundation of New England that will finance Phase III renovations.

## **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 signup to volunteer at [franklinumc.org/volunteer](http://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).