



Franklin Methodist Church

March 12, 2023

Sunday Morning Worship online at <http://franklinmethodist.org/sunday-morning-worship>



Announcements, and Church Family Celebrations

Praise Songs

*“Cornerstone”
“Do It Again”*

Children’s Sermon

Children are encouraged to join us at the front.

Prayer and Scripture

Reese Rawson
Isaiah 35:4-10

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not pass over it, and fools shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Offertory Music

“Open My Eyes, Lord”

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**

Second Reading

John 9:1-7; 24-38

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man’s eyes with the clay, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Silo’am” (which means Sent). So, he went and washed and came back seeing. So, for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?” And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe”; and he worshiped him.

“Amazing Grace/ Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Now let us remind ourselves of what we believe as we head out into the world.

The Message

**Reverend Polly Standing
Barry Cate as the Blind Man**

Apostles’ Creed

Pastoral Prayer & The 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 for ever. Amen.**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And 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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. 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. Amen. * (universal)

Invitational

Invitational Hymn

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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| Worship Attendance for last Sunday: 75 | |
| Many are also watching the Sunday Worship Live or on the videos posted on the church’s website, Facebook page or YouTube. Views recorded for Sunday, March 5 as of Thursday 3/9 15 | |
| Giving Totals for Last Week | |
| General Offering | \$ 9,690.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ 220.00 |
| Memorial~Designated | \$ 600.00 |

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Today | Finance/Trustees Meeting | After Worship |
| The Church Office will be on limited hours during this Spring Break week. Emails and phones are always monitored. | | |
| Tuesday, March 14 | NO Bible Study NO A.S.K. Tutoring Sessions | 10:00am—Noon 3:15-5:00pm |
| Wednesday, March 15 | Women’s Emmaus NO Brown Bag Devotional NO Ukulele Band Practice Choir Practice~Small group practices. Rhonda will contact groups. NO Youth Group or BLAST | 8:00am—9:00am |
| Thursday, March 16 | NO Men’s Emmaus | |

Purpose: Willing and ready to follow and serve Jesus Christ.

Vision: Franklin Methodist Church shares God’s love, Christ’s sacrifice, and our faith for the salvation of the world.

Mission: We believe in Jesus Christ whom we follow, serve and share.

Key Verse: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.” - John 3:16-17

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