

October 22, 2023 at 9:00 AM
Worship Series: Generous: The Beauty in Giving
Message: Living in Abundance
UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS – The Faith We Sing
*Stand in body or in spirit

Prelude *I Love to Tell the Story* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

*Call to Worship Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: God's abundance is all around us.

People: Let us take hold of the life that really is life.

Pastor: God richly provides for us.

People: Let us take hold of the life that really is life.

Pastor: Share abundantly in God's good works.

People: Let us take hold of the life that really is life.

*Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* UMH 147

*Opening Prayer Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: Gracious and Generous God,
You offer us the best, richest kind of life,
built on generosity and caring.**

**May we live in the abundance of Your love
and take hold of the life that really is life
as we share Your gifts with others;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

Prayers of People Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

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. Forever. AMEN.

Offering	<i>Thy Word</i>	Grace Notes
*Doxology		UMH 95
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
New Testament Reading	2 Corinthians 8:7; 9:6-12, 1 Timothy 6:17-19	Sandy Ross
*Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	UMH 405
Message	<i>Living in Abundance</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Litany of Dedication

Pastor: We give praise and thanks to You, O God! In Jesus Christ, You have given us abundant life. You have commanded your disciples then and now to continue Your work in the world.

**People: We are set apart for the work of ministry in this place.
We support Jesus' ministry with our prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness.**

Pastor: We ask God's blessing on our "Statements of Intent."

**People: Loving Lord of Life, We offer our Statements of Intent for Christ's Kingdom work through Franconia United Methodist Church.
Our gifts sustain the building, the pastor and staff, our programs, our worship, and all that is needed to live out our mission, *building a community of Christ's love to serve the world.*
Bless our work together with You and one another in ministry and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

*Hymn	<i>Take My Life and Let it Be</i>	UMH 399
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Postlude	<i>His Name is Wonderful</i>	June Shuffett