



*Franconia United Methodist Church believes that everyone is a child of God.
We welcome all people to worship, join in membership, serve in lay leadership,
and actively participate in the life of the church.*

*We welcome and affirm all persons without regard to gender, gender identity, race,
sexual orientation, faith tradition, age, marital status, family structure,
economic background, political affiliation, physical or mental ability or life experience.*

We commit to extend Christ's hospitality, creating a place of safety and sanctuary for all people.

*We recognize there are differences among us and although we may not think or look alike,
we commit to respect and love one another as we are all the family of God.*

*We further commit ourselves to loving acts of invitation, hospitality, and community,
providing ministry to, for, and with all persons without exception,
fostering a sense of belonging where people are respected and valued as beloved children of God.*

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March 17, 2024 at 11:00 AM

Worship Series: Watch and Pray

Message: How Long, O Lord?

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*Stand in body or in spirit

Prayers of People

Sarah Chambers

Gathering *Blessed Be Your Name* Praise Band
Lord, I Need You

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Centering Moment

*Centering Song *O Come to the Altar* Praise Band

*Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: People: God, You promise never to forsake us,
but to bring us to life,
nurture us with Your presence,
and sustain us even in times of difficulty.
Meet us in our deepest doubts
when we feel abandoned,
drowning in our fear.
Come to us in our time of need
that we may know Your mercy and grace. AMEN.**

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

Prayer Song *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (Sung twice)*

*Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

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 Song *Battle Belongs* Praise Band

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Old Testament Reading Psalm 13, Psalm 22:1-5 Pat Hobbs

Gospel Reading Matthew 27:45-46 Pat Hobbs

Message *How Long, O Lord?* Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

*Closing Song *Same Power* Praise Band

*Benediction Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude *Blessed Be Your Name (Reprise)* Praise Band