



*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 9:00 AM

Worship Series: Watch and Pray

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UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS – The Faith We Sing
*Stand in body or in spirit

Cantor: Amy McCarthy

Prelude *Father, I Adore You* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: We come to You, O Lord,
People: in the midst of our fears and doubts.

Pastor: We come to You, O Lord,
People: in the midst of our sorrow and pain.

Pastor: We come to You, O Lord,
People: when our very foundations are shaken.

Pastor: We come to You, for You are our God.
People: We trust in Your steadfast love.

***Hymn** *I Need Thee Every Hour* UMH 1397

***Opening Prayer** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray.
**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 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* (Sung twice) See Screen

Prayers of People Sarah Chambers

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 *Instrumental Prayer* Franconia Musica

***Doxology** UMH 95

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Old Testament Reading Psalm 13, Psalm 22:1-5 Bruce Bartolain

Gospel Reading Matthew 27:45-46 Bruce Bartolain

***Hymn** *Be Still My Soul* UMH 534

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

***Hymn** *How Firm A Foundation* UMH 529

***Benediction** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude *God Will Take Care of You* June Shuffett