



**FRANCONIA**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**RELEASING  
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BLESSINGS**

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UMH – United Methodist Hymnal  
\*Stand in body or in spirit

Prelude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

\*Call to Worship Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: We gather to celebrate the overflowing blessings of God.

**People: We are enriched in every way to be generous on every occasion.**

Pastor: We are called to share our blessings.

**People: May generosity overflow as we reflect the love of Christ.**

\*Hymn *Take My Life, and Let It Be* UMH #399

\*Opening Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray

**People: Gracious and Loving God,  
we thank You for the overflowing blessings  
You pour out in our lives—  
for the gifts of life, love, and community.  
May our hearts be open to the needs of those around us  
as we respond with kindness and generosity,  
sharing our gifts; through our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

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** *Panis Angelicus* Franconia Musica

**\*Doxology** UMH 95

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

**New Testament Reading** 2 Corinthians 9:11-15 Bruce Bartolain

**\*Hymn** *Pass It On* UMH #572

**Message** *Overflowing Blessings* Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

*(During time of musical reflection, you are invited to bring forward your Statements of Intent, offering it to God).*

**Litany of Dedication** See Screen

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** *Freely, Freely* UMH 389

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

**Postlude** *Standing on the Promises of God* June Shuffett

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*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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Robert Shuffett, violin  
June Shuffett, piano

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June Shuffett, piano

Staff:

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