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

Prelude *Praise to the Lord* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: We gather today, reminded of God's faithfulness
through all the wildernesses of life.

**People: Just as God was with Joseph in the pit and in prison,
we trust that God is with us.**

Pastor: In the deserts of despair and the forests of uncertainty,
God helps us and sustains us.

People: Let us worship the God who guides us through the wilderness.

***Hymn** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* UMH 110

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

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: Almighty God,
when we are unsure of the path ahead
and burdened by the weight of our struggles,
You promise to sustain us through every trial.
May Your love and grace nourish our weary souls
and lift us when we are downcast.
When we journey through the wildernesses of life,
grant us faith to see Your purpose and Your presence
that is sustaining us and guiding us. AMEN.**

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

Prayers of People Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller



*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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