



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

Prelude *Glorify Thy Name* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: Just as David found himself in the wilderness
of temptation and consequence,

People: we too create our own wildernesses through our choices.

Pastor: In the times of self-inflicted trials and the tangles of our own making,

People: We receive God's enduring presence and mercy.

**All: Let us worship the God who forgives
and leads us out of our self-made wildernesses.**

***Hymn** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* UMH 117

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

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: Almighty God,
when we stray from Your path and find ourselves
lost in the wilderness of our own making,
Remind us of Your unwavering presence.
May Your mercy envelop us and guide us back to righteousness.
Help us to face the consequences of our choices
with courage and humility,
and seek Your forgiveness with sincere hearts.
Teach us to trust in Your wisdom, to follow Your guidance,
and to find solace in Your everlasting grace. 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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* Franconia Musica

*Doxology UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 11: 1-3 Kathy Henry

*Hymn *Grace Greater than Our Sin* UMH 365

Message *The Wilderness of Our Own Making* Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Breakthrough Prayer

God, guide Franconia United Methodist Church to become a community of Christ's love, where *Your grace abounds and all people know that they are loved, respected for their diversity, grow in faith, and reflect Jesus by actively sharing their God-given gifts. AMEN.*

*Hymn *Rock Of Ages, Cleft for Me* UMH 361

*Benediction Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* Franconia Musica



*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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