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**\*Stand in body or in spirit**

**Gathering**

*Your Grace is Enough*

Praise Band

*Be Thou My Vision (Lord You Are)*

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Centering Moment**

**\*Centering Song**

*Confidence*

Praise Band

**\*Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: Lord God,**

**when we find ourselves feeling lost in the wilderness,  
remind us that You see us.**

**Just as You saw Hagar in her time of despair  
and provided her with comfort and guidance,  
we thank You that Your vision and care  
will follow us wherever we may wander.**

**Let Your presence be a light in our darkest hours  
and a beacon of hope when we feel abandoned.**

**May we find strength in knowing  
that Your love is ever-present,**

**and Your wisdom guides us through every trial. AMEN.**

**Children's Moment**

Linda Biscardo

**Prayers of People**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

### **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** *Love Came Down* Praise Band

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

**Old Testament Reading** Genesis 16: 1-6 Lisa Dickinson

**Message** *The God Who Sees* 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.**

**\*Closing Song** *Take You at Your Word* Praise Band

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

**Postlude** *Take You at Your Word (Reprise)* Praise Band



*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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