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

Prelude *Father, We Adore You* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: Just as Hagar found herself in the wilderness,

People: we too can feel lost and alone.

Pastor: In the desolation of our hearts and the isolation we can feel,

People: We receive God's watchful presence and unwavering care.

Pastor: Let us worship the God who sees us,

People: who guides us out of our deserts and into God's embrace.

***Hymn** *Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* UMH 340

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

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	<i>My Faith Looks Up to <u>Thee</u></i>	Grace Notes
*Doxology		UMH 95
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Old Testament Reading	Genesis 16: 1-6	Sandy Ross
*Hymn	<i>My Life Flows <u>On</u></i>	TFWS 2212
Message	<i>The God Who Sees</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Breakthrough Prayer God, guide Franconia United Methodist Church to become a community of Christ's love, where <i>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.</i>		
*Hymn	<i>We Shall Overcome</i>	UMH 533
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Postlude	<i>Trust and Obey</i>	Patricia O'Donnell



*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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