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***Stand in body or in spirit**

Gathering	<i>God of Wonders</i>	Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Mission Moment	Neighborkind Event: A Call to Serve	Joana Arthur
Centering Moment		
*Centering Song	<i>Confidence</i>	Praise Band
*Opening Prayer		
Pastor: Let us pray.		
People: Almighty God,		
We are grateful for Your boundless care and provision		
in the wilderness of our lives.		
Just as You provided for Elijah when he fled into the wilderness,		
we know that You are with us in our darkest moments.		
You sent an angel to Elijah with food and water,		
and You spoke to him in a gentle whisper,		
reminding him that he was not alone.		
Strengthen us and sustain us,		
that we may trust in Your unfailing love and presence,		
knowing that even in the most desolate places,		
You will always make a way for us.		
We place our lives in Your hands,		
confident that Your care and provision will never fail. AMEN.		
Children's Moment		Linda Biscardo
Prayers of People		<u>Sarah</u> Chambers
Offering Song	<i>One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)</i>	Praise Band
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Old Testament Reading	1 Kings 19: 1-12	Carol Stahl

Message	Whispers in the Wilderness	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Invitation to Communion		<u>Sarah</u> Chambers
Prayer of Confession		See Screen
Assurance and Pardon		See Screen
The Great Thanksgiving	UMH 13	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.		
Breaking of the Bread		
Giving the Bread and Cup		
Music During Communion	<i>Bless Your Name</i>	Praise Band
Prayer Following Communion		
Eternal God,		
we give You thanks for this holy mystery		
in which You have given Yourself to us.		
Grant that we may go into the world		
in the strength of Your Spirit,		
to give ourselves to others		
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.		
*Closing Song	<i>Your Love Awakens Me</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Postlude	<i>Your Love Awakens Me (Reprise)</i>	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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