



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

Prelude *All Creatures of Our God* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Mission Moment Neighborkind Event: A Call to Serve Joana Arthur

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: Just as Elijah found himself in the wilderness, weary and afraid,

People: we too can be overwhelmed and uncertain.

Pastor: When we feel like we have nothing left,

People: God feeds us and cares for us.

Pastor: Let us worship the God who speaks in the stillness,

People: who provides for us and guides us out of our wilderness and into God's embrace.

*Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH 400

***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 Sarah Chambers

Offering Open Lord, My Inward Ear Chancel Choir

*Doxology UMH 95

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19: 1-12

Bruce Bartolain

Message

Whispers in the Wilderness

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Invitation to Communion

Sarah Chambers

Prayer of Confession

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Assurance and Pardon

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The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

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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

Eat This Bread

UMH 628

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.

***Hymn**

Here I Am Lord

UMH 593


***Benediction**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

 As the Deer

Susan Huffaker

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*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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