



FRANCONIA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 5, 2025 at 7:30 PM

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

Entrance

Prelude *An Instrumental Prayer by Giulio Caccini* Franconia Musica

Welcome Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

A Time of Silent Prayer and Reflection (Words on screen)

Reading *“Blessing the Dust” by Jan Richardson* Sarah Chambers

*Hymn *Sunday’s Palms are Wednesday’s Ashes* TFWS 2138

*Opening Prayer Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Merciful God,
we come to this season in need of repair.
Help our weakness to be our strength,
as it makes us more aware of our need for You.
Let the Spirit be our guide
as we journey with Christ and seek to follow Him.
Help us breathe in the Spirit,
move in Christ’s ways,
and live into Your call. AMEN.

Scripture and Response

Musical Reflection *Ashes, v1* Chancel Choir

Old Testament Reading Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17 Kathy Henry

Musical Reflection *Ashes, v2*

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 5: 20b – 6: 10 Pat Hobbs

Musical Reflection *Ashes, v3*

*Gospel Reading Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21 Lisa Dickinson

Musical Reflection *Ashes, v4*

A Call to Observe a Holy Lent Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Time of Silent Confession

Reading of Psalm 51: 1-3, 7, 10-17 Sam Patricola

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love;
according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

People: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Leader: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.



*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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Franconia Musica:

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June Shuffett, piano
Robert Shuffett, violin
Jamie Taber, clarinet
Marcus Van Wychen, bass

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