

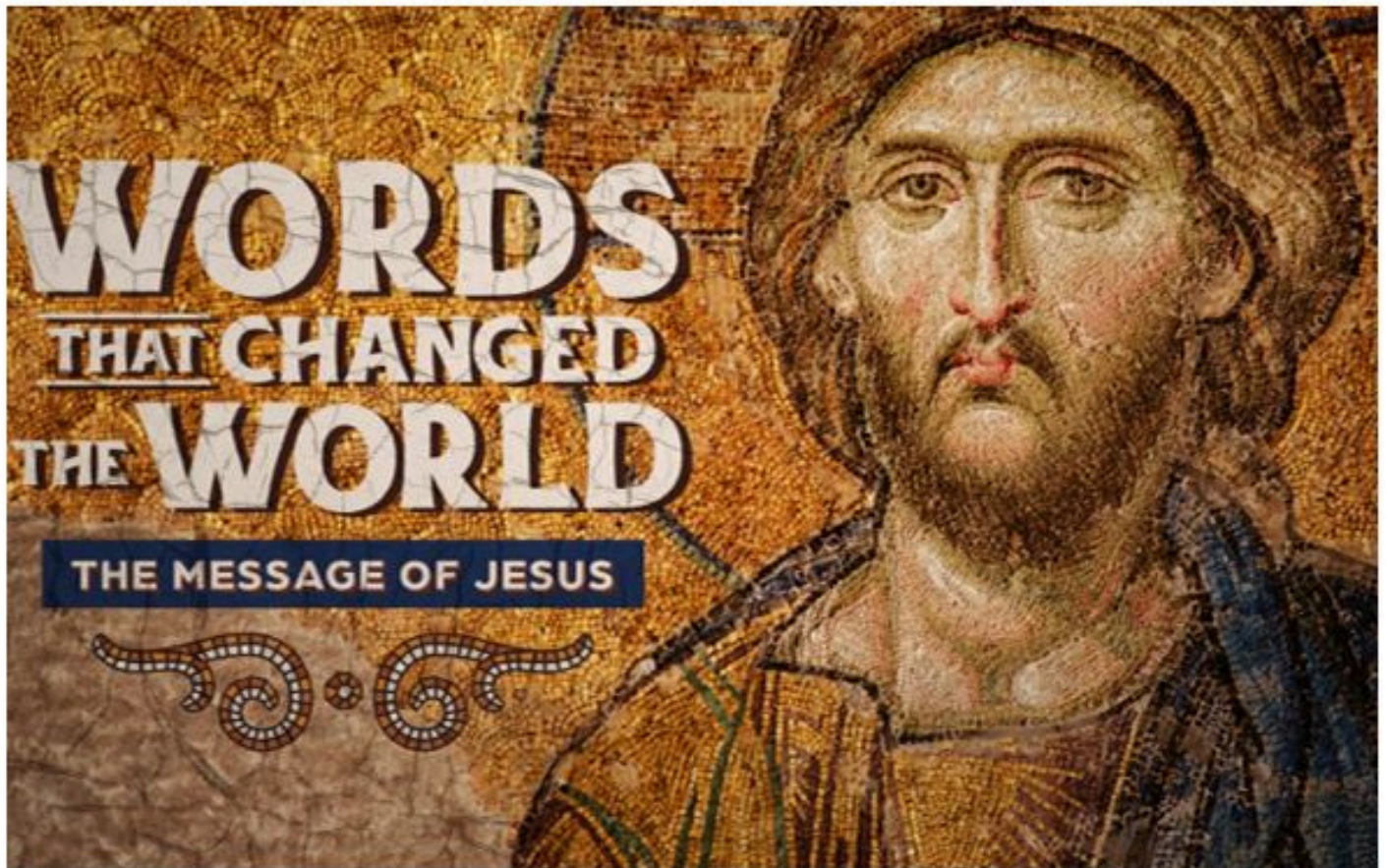


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UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS – The Faith We Sing
*Stand in body or in spirit

Prelude *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: As Jesus began His ministry, He proclaimed,

People: "The time has come, the kingdom of God is near.

Repent and believe the good news!"

Pastor: His teachings have echoed through the ages,
transforming hearts and lives.

People: We gather to hear His words that change the world and our lives.

Pastor: Let us open our hearts to the teachings of Jesus,

People: and allow His words to guide us and bring us hope.

***Hymn** *O Word of God Incarnate* UMH 598

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

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Lord God, we gather in Your name,

**inspired by the teachings and words of Jesus Christ
that have forever changed the world.**

As we open our hearts to receive His message,

we remember how He proclaimed the good news of Your Kingdom.

May His teachings continue to guide us in our daily lives

that we may be Your faithful servants,

ever ready to share the good news of Your kingdom. 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>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>	Bells of Praise
*Doxology		UMH 95
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Gospel Reading	Mark 1: 14-15	Sandy Ross
*Hymn	<i>Depths of Mercy</i>	UMH 355
Message	<i>The Kingdom of God is at Hand!</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>How Shall They Hear the Word of God</i>	UMH 649
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Postlude	<i>My Jesus, I Love Thee</i>	Amy McCarthy



*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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