

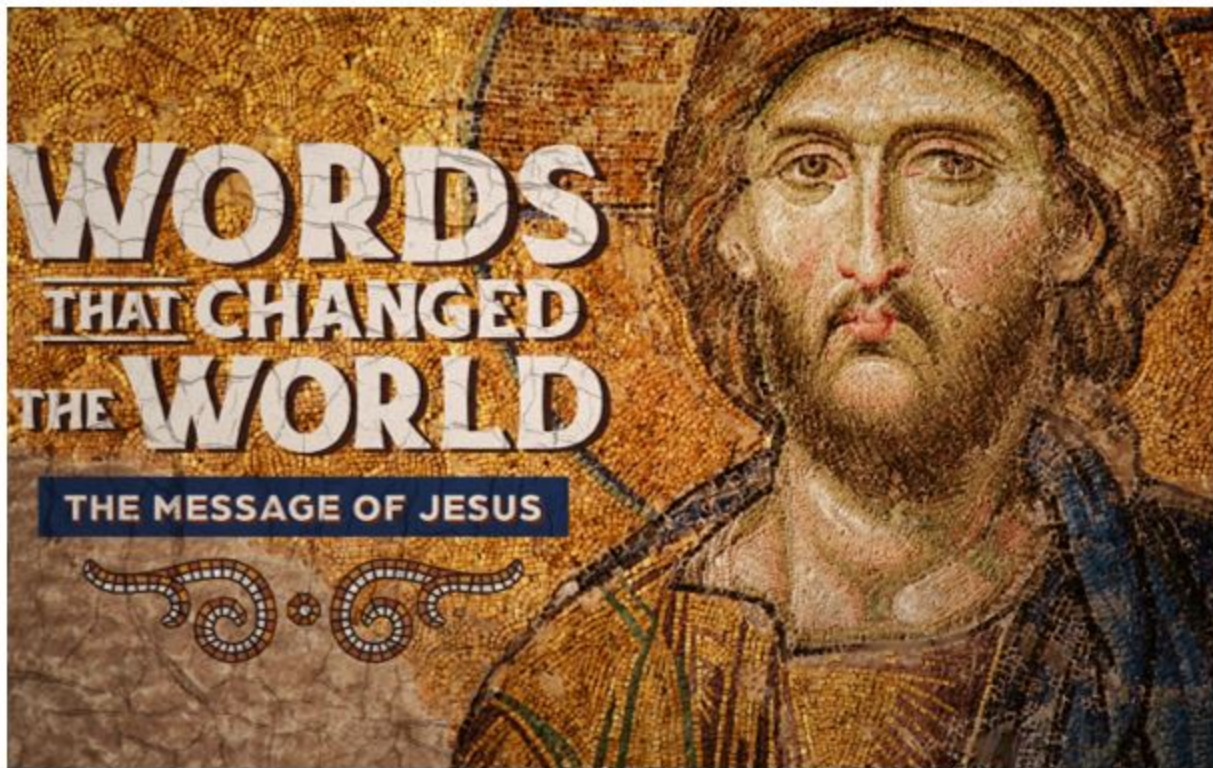


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UMH – United Methodist Hymnal  
\*Stand in body or in spirit

**Prelude** *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* Franconia Musica  
*O Lord My God, in You I Refuge Seek*

**Welcome/Announcements** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**\*Call to Worship**

Pastor: As Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount, He said,

**People: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."**

Pastor: His words offered comfort, hope, and a vision of God's love.

**People: We gather to reflect on His teachings  
that illuminate the path of righteousness.**

Pastor: Let us embrace the wisdom of the Sermon on the Mount,

**People: and strive to embody its principles in our lives.**

**\*Hymn** *Seek Ye First* UMH 405

**\*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.  
In the Sermon on the Mount,  
Jesus blessed the meek, the merciful, and the pure in heart.  
He taught us to be the light of the world, to love our enemies,  
and to seek first the Kingdom of God.  
May Your wisdom and love dwell richly in our hearts  
as we strive to live out Jesus' teaching in our daily lives.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.**

**Children's Moment** Linda Biscardo





*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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