

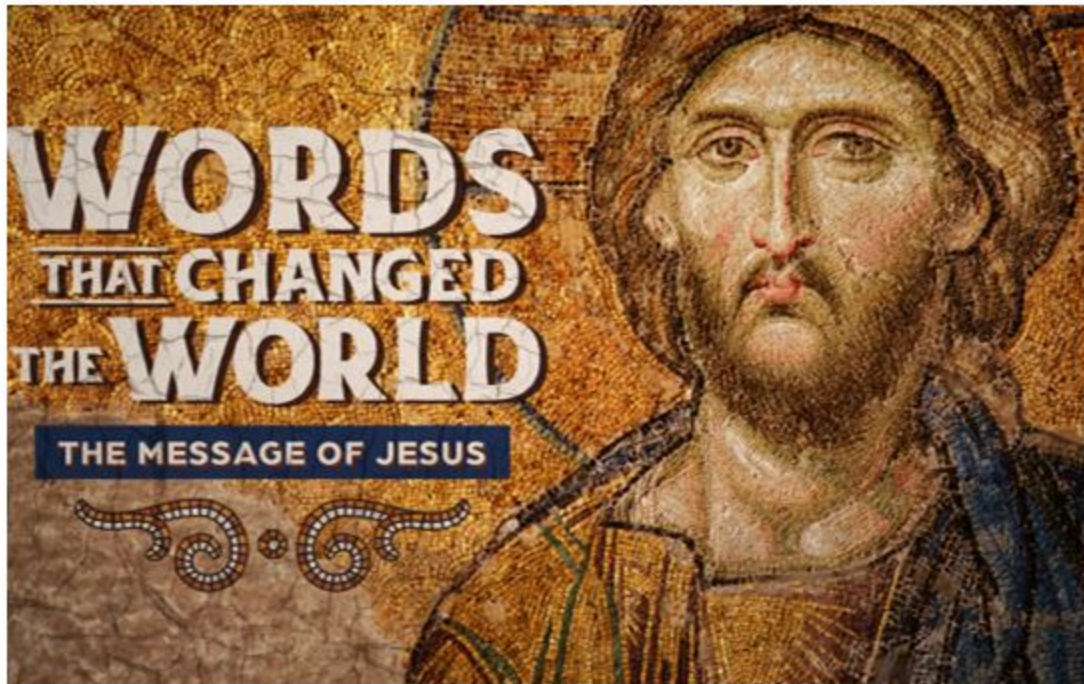


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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**March 23, 2025 at 11:00 AM**

**Worship Series: Words that Changed the World**

**Message: The Parables of the Kingdom**

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\*Stand in body or in spirit

\*Gathering *Burning In My Soul* Praise Band  
*Build My Life*

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Centering Moment

\*Centering Song *I'm Listening* Praise Band

\*Prayer

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.  
Jesus spoke in parables, sharing the wisdom of the Kingdom  
through stories of mustard seeds, lost sheep, and a prodigal son.  
Through these parables, open us to a deeper understanding  
of Your boundless love and mercy,  
the importance of forgiveness, and immeasurable value of faith.  
Remind us of these eternal truths  
that we may be inspired to follow Your path  
of compassion, humility, and righteousness.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

Special Music *Tis So Sweet T<sup>b</sup> Trust In Jesus* Children's Chimes

**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 Song**

*Cornerstone*

Praise Band

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Gospel Reading**

Mark 4: 33-34, Matthew 13: 34-35

Lisa Dickinson

**Message**

*The Parables of the Kingdom*

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Breakthrough Prayer**

**God, guide Franconia United Methodist Church to become a community of Christ's love, where *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.**

**\*Closing Song**

*Build Your Kingdom Here*

Praise Band

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Postlude**

*Build Your Kingdom Here (Reprise)*

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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