

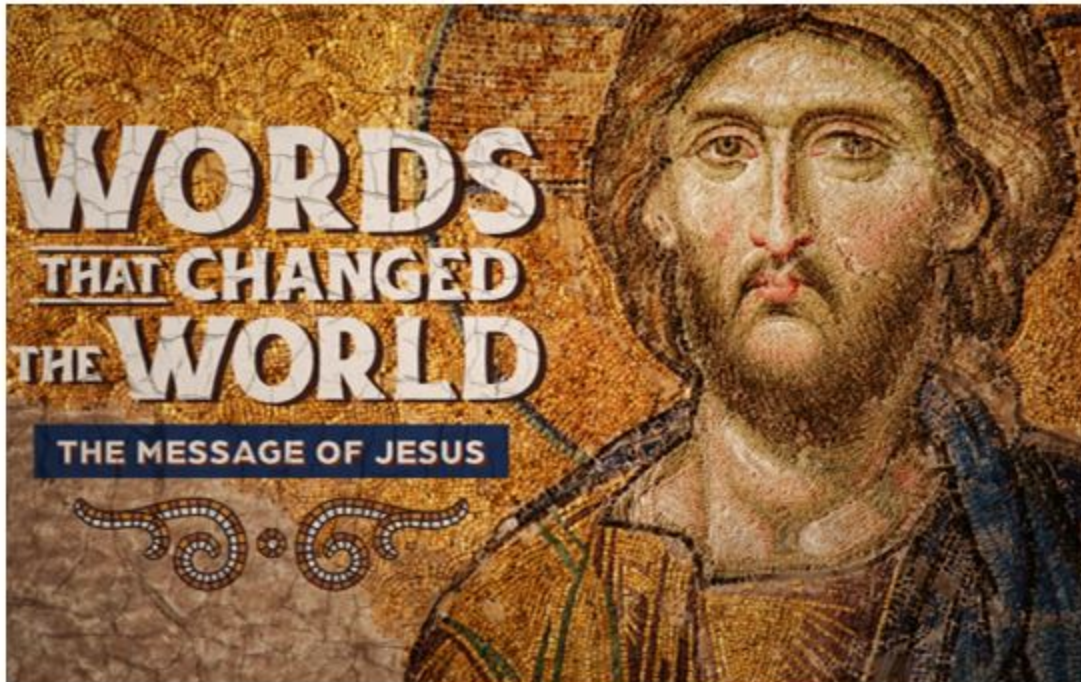


FRANCONIA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Prelude *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Franconia Musica

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: Jesus spoke in parables, revealing the mysteries of the Kingdom of God.

People: "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it."

Pastor: Through His stories,

He taught us the values of compassion, forgiveness, and grace.

**People: We gather to reflect on His teachings
that guide us to live in love and truth.**

Pastor: Let us embrace the lessons found in the parables of Jesus,

People: and strive to embody their messages in our daily lives.

***Hymn** *Wonderful Words Of Life* UMH 600

***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.
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.**

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

Canticle of Hope

Grace Notes

***Doxology**

UMH 95

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Gospel Reading

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

Sandy Ross

***Hymn**

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

UMH 173

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.

***Hymn**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

UMH 540

***Benediction**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Franconia Musica



*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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Caroline Coltrin	Kalani Johnson	Robert Shuffett, violin	
Matthew Dodds	Rachael Kahelin	Jamie Taber, clarinet	
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