

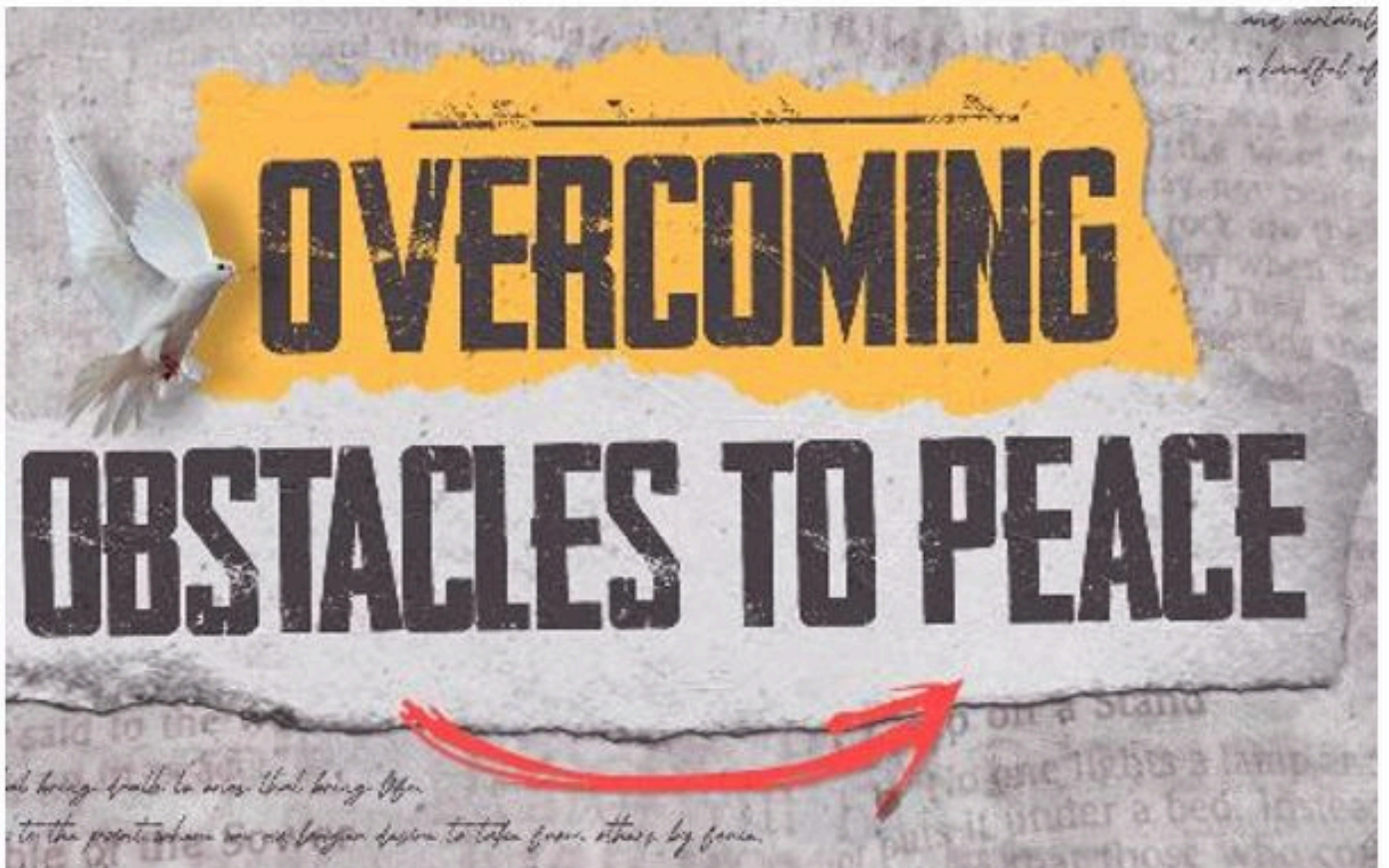


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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**May 11, 2025 at 9:00 AM**

**Worship Series: Overcoming Obstacles to Peace**

**Message: Blessed Are the Peacemakers**

**March 23, 2025 at 9:00 AM**  
**Worship Series: Overcoming Obstacles to Peace**  
**Message: Blessed Are the Peacemakers**  
**UMH – United Methodist Hymnal**  
**TFWS – The Faith We Sing**  
**\*Stand in body or in spirit**

**Prelude** *In the Garden* June Shuffett

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

**\*Call to Worship**

Pastor: Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers,

**People: for they shall be called children of God."**

Pastor: God's peace dwells within us,

**People: guiding us to live as instruments of peace in a world.**

**\*Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH 92

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

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: Holy God,**

**we gather in Your presence, seeking Your peace.**

**Infuse our hearts with the peace that only You can provide,**

**and guide us in cultivating an inner peace in our lives.**

**Teach us to embody the mindset of Your Kingdom,**

**where love and grace prevail.**

**Help us to be agents of peace in a world filled with discord and strife**

**that our actions and words**

**may bring healing and reconciliation in the world,**

**mirroring the life of Jesus, who came to bring peace to all. AMEN.**

**Children's Moment** Linda Biscardo

**Mother's Day Video** *Happy Mother's Day*

**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.**

<b>Offering</b>	<i>This is My Song</i>	Bells of Praise
<b>*Doxology</b>		UMH 95
<b>*Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	Matthew 5: 1-2, 9	Jordan Biscardo
<b>New Testament Reading</b>	Romans 5: 1-2; Philippians 4: 4-7	Jordan Biscardo
<b>Message</b>	<i>Blessed Are the Peacemakers</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Song of Reflection</b>	<i>Make Me A Channel of Your Peace</i>	TFWS 2171

**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.***

<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>Let There Be Peace On Earth</i>	UMH 431
<b>*Benediction</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>It Is Well With My Soul</i>	June Shuffett



*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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