

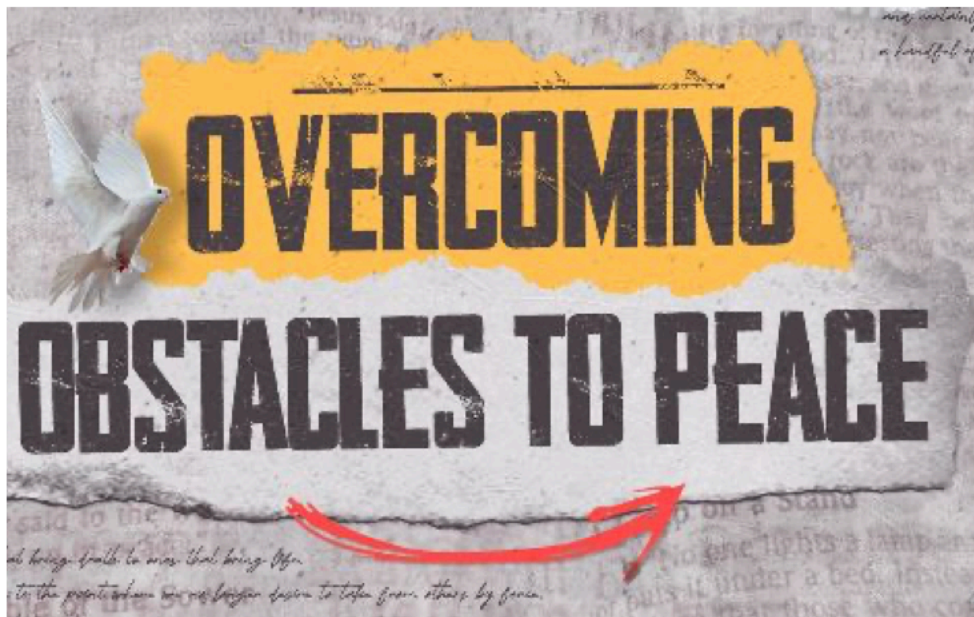


FRANCONIA
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***Stand in body or in spirit**

***Gathering** *You Never Let Go* Praise Band
Draw Me Nearer

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Centering Moment

***Centering Song** *One Day* Praise Band

***Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Almighty God,

**as we gather in Your presence,
we open our hearts to Your loving embrace.
Let Your divine peace wash over us
and calm the troubled waters of our minds.
In Your grace, grant us the strength
to release all burdens of resentment and judgment.**

**We thank You for this sacred moment
and surrender our hearts to be transformed by Your spirit.
Guide us on the path of compassion and unity
so that we may leave behind all bitterness and walk in Your light,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

Staff Appreciation Recognition (See Screen)

Special Music Children's Chimes

Prayers of People Sarah Chambers

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	<i>Be Still My Soul</i>	Praise Band
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Gospel Reading	Matthew 20: 1-16	Lisa Dickinson
Message	When Resenting is Preventing	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	<i>Open The Eyes of My Heart</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Postlude	<i>Open The Eyes of My Heart (Reprise)</i>	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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