



FRANCONIA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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May 18, 2025 at 9:00 AM

Worship Series: Overcoming Obstacles to Peace

Message: When Resenting is Preventing

March 18, 2025 at 9:00 AM
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UMH - United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS - The Faith We Sing
*Stand in body or in spirit

Prelude *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Franconia Musica

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: Welcome to God's upside-down kingdom!

People: A realm in which the last are first,

Pastor: the latecomers are fully compensated,

People: and fairness takes a sideways turn.

Pastor: There is room for all of us in God's kingdom,

People: and more than enough grace to go around.

**All: We are called to love and serve
one another in humility and grace.**

***Hymn** *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* UMH 581

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

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)
Children's Moment		Linda Biscardo
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	<i>10,000 Reasons</i>	Grace Notes
*Doxology		UMH 95
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Gospel Reading	Matthew 20: 1-16	Kathy Henry
*Hymn	<i>All Who Love and Serve Your City</i>	UMH 433
Message	<i>When Resenting is Preventing</i>	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>Together We Serve</i>	TFWS 2175
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Postlude	<i>Oh, How I Love Jesus</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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Franconia Musica:

Susan Huffaker, flute
Henry McCarthy, violin
Teaka Robba, flute
June Shuffett, piano
Robert Shuffett, violin
Jamie Taber, clarinet
Marcus Van Wychen, bass

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