

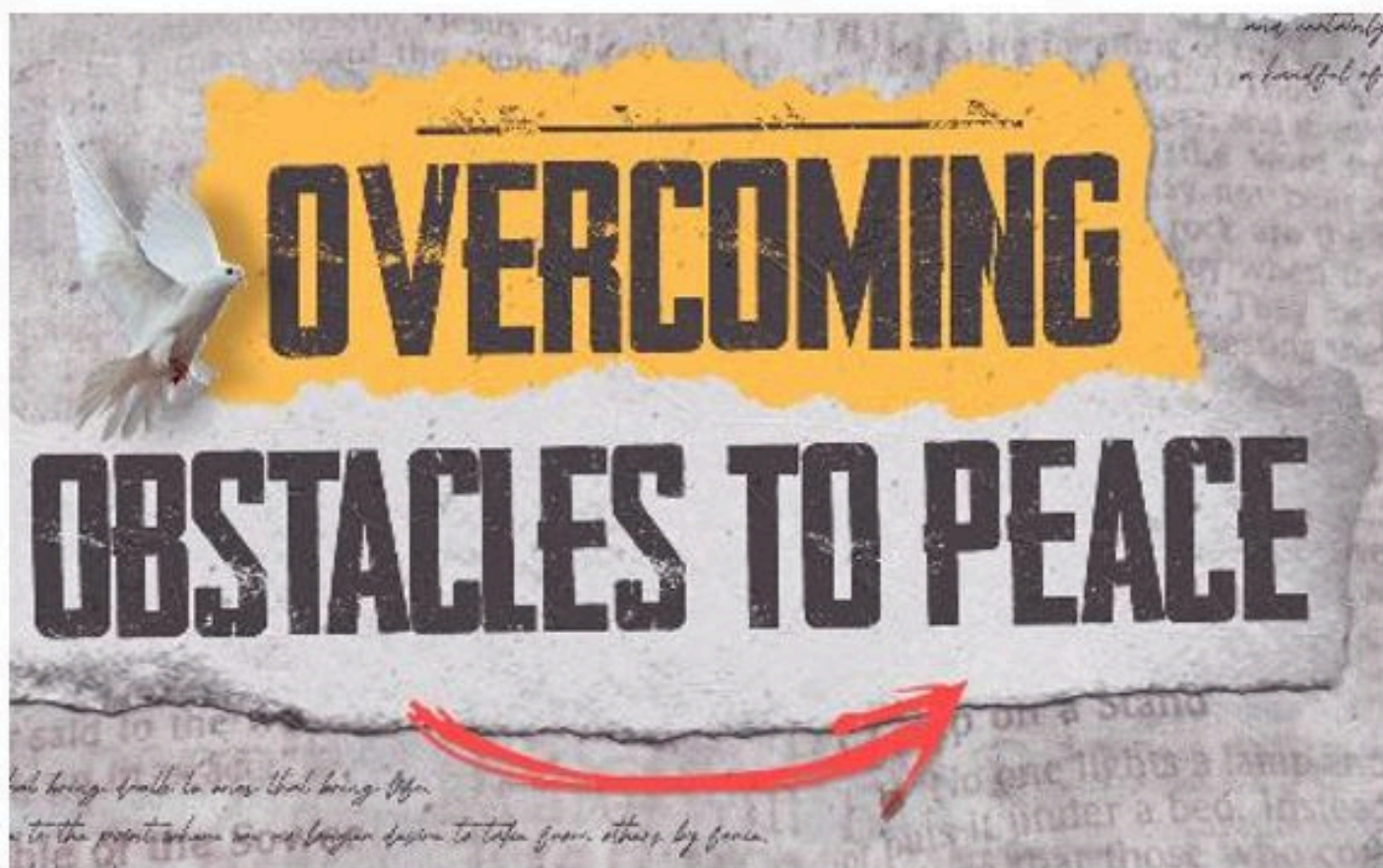


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**UMH – United Methodist Hymnal**  
**\*Stand in body or in spirit**

**Prelude** *We Will Glorify Thy Name* June Shuffett

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

**Mission Moments** Rise Against Hunger Suzanne Ackley  
Vacation Bible School Linda Biscardo

**\*Call to Worship**

Pastor: Do you not know? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

**People: God does not grow weary,  
and God's understanding is beyond measure.**

Pastor: We come weary, burdened by despair, longing for peace.

**People: Yet we hold fast to the hope that renews our strength.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship with hearts lifted high!

**People: Hope is found in the presence of our faithful God.**

**\*Hymn** *God of Grace and God of Glory* UMH 577

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

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: Gracious and Everlasting God,  
Your understanding is beyond measure.  
In moments of despair,  
when peace feels distant and burdens weigh heavy,  
we turn to You, the source of our strength and hope.  
We trust in Your promises.  
Renew our strength  
that Your hope may shine brightly within us,  
overcoming every shadow of despair.  
In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer and Sustainer, we pray. AMEN.**

**Graduate Recognition** Sarah Chambers

**Children's Moment** Linda Biscardo

**Prayers of People** Sarah Chambers

**Offering** *Irish Blessing* Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology** UMH 95

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

<b>Old Testament Reading</b>	Isaiah 40: 28-31	Bruce Bartolain
<b>New Testament Reading</b>	Hebrews 10:23-25	Bruce Bartolain
<b>Message</b>	<i>Hold on to Hope</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Invitation to Communion</b>		Sarah Chambers
<b>Prayer of Confession</b>		See Screen
<b>Assurance and Pardon</b>		See Screen
<b>The Great Thanksgiving</b>	UMH 13	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.

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

<b>Music During Communion</b>	<i>Near to the Heart of God</i>	UMH 472
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**Prayer Following Communion**

Eternal God,  
we give You thanks for this holy mystery  
in which You have given Yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of Your Spirit,  
to give ourselves to others  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>My Hope Is Built</i>	UMH 368
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<b>*Benediction</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
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<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Whispering Hope</i>	June Shuffett
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*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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