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**June 8, 2025 at 9:00 AM**

**Worship Series: Overcoming Obstacles to Peace**

**Message: And Let It Begin with Us**

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Pentecost Sunday  
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UMH - United Methodist Hymnal  
TFWS - The Faith We Sing  
\*Stand in body or in spirit

**Prelude** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* June Shuffett

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

**\*Call to Worship**

**Pastor:** With tongues of flame,  
the Holy Spirit descends to burn in our hearts anew.

**People: Empower us, Holy Spirit!**

**Pastor:** Like the rush of wind,  
we sense God's presence blowing afresh throughout the world.

**People: Empower us, Holy Spirit!**

**Pastor:** Christ, our peace, breaks down every barrier,  
calling us into unity and reconciliation.

[Through the Spirit,

we are strengthened to tear down walls of division and fear.

**People: Empower us, Holy Spirit!**

**Pastor:** Holy Spirit, lead us forward as Your Pentecost People.

**People: Empower us, Holy Spirit!**

**\*Hymn** *Holy Spirit, Come Confirm Us* UMH 331

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

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**People: Holy Spirit, God of wind and flame,**

**on this day of Pentecost,**

**blow into our lives and move among us.**

**Soften our hardened hearts, heal our brokenness,**

**and calm our restless spirits.**

**Transform us with Your grace that breaks down every barrier.**

Let the journey of peace begin right here, at this moment, with us.  
May this time of worship refresh our spirits  
and empower us to go forth as peacemakers,  
sharing Your love in everything we do.  
We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace. 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**

*Fill-A Me Up*

Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology**

UMH 95

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**New Testament Reading**

Acts 2: 1-21; Ephesians 2: 14-16

Peggy Brown

**\*Hymn**

*As the Fire is Meant for Burning*

TFWS 2237

**Message**

*And Let It Begin with Us*

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Affirmation of Faith for Pentecost**

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**\*Hymn**

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

UMH 431

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Postlude**

*One Spirit, One Church*

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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