



**FRANCONIA**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6037 Franconia Rd. Alexandria, VA 22310

703-971-5151

[www.franconiaumc.org](http://www.franconiaumc.org)



**COURAGEOUS**

**July 6, 2025 at 10:00 AM**  
**Worship Series: Courageous**  
**Message: Courage to be First**

<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
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		
<p><b>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></p>		
<b>Breaking of the Bread</b>		
<b>Giving the Bread and Cup</b>		
<b>Music During Communion</b>	<i>Come to the Table of Grace</i>	Sarah Chambers Amy McCarthy
<b>Prayer Following Communion</b>		
<p><b>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></p>		
<b>*Closing Song</b>	<i>Love the Lord</i>	Sarah Chambers Amy McCarthy
<b>*Benediction</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Love the Lord (Reprise)</i>	Sarah Chambers Amy McCarthy



*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.*

**Media Tech Team:**

Bobby Anderson  
Joana Arthur  
Zach Chambers  
Caroline Coltrin  
Matthew Dodds  
Andrew Hamilton  
Leah Hamilton  
Jess Posey  
Jessica Posey  
Grace Stahl  
Liam Upp

Sarah Chambers

Amy McCarthy

**Staff:**

Reverend: Melissa Porter-Miller  
Church Office: Jade Miller  
Children's Ministry: Linda Biscardo  
Music Ministry: Amy McCarthy  
Praise & Worship Leader: Sarah Chambers  
Youth & Young Adult Ministries: Sarah Chambers  
Organist: June Shuffett  
Handbells: Linda Biscardo  
All God's Children Preschool: Jessica Copes  
Nursery: Marie Bonhomme and Susann Ferrell

[pastormelissa@franconiaumc.org](mailto:pastormelissa@franconiaumc.org)  
[churchoffice@franconiaumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@franconiaumc.org)  
[childrensministry@franconiaumc.org](mailto:childrensministry@franconiaumc.org)  
[music@franconiaumc.org](mailto:music@franconiaumc.org)  
[praise@franconiaumc.org](mailto:praise@franconiaumc.org)  
[youth@franconiaumc.org](mailto:youth@franconiaumc.org)  
[organist@franconiaumc.org](mailto:organist@franconiaumc.org)  
[handbells@franconiaumc.org](mailto:handbells@franconiaumc.org)  
[AGCpreschool@franconiaumc.org](mailto:AGCpreschool@franconiaumc.org)

**July 6, 2025 at 10:00 AM**  
**Worship Series: Courageous**  
**Message: Courage to be First**  
**\*Stand in body or in spirit**

<b>Gathering</b>	<i>Arise My Soul Arise</i>	Sarah Chambers Amy McCarthy
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Centering Moment</b>		
<b>*Centering Song</b>	<i>Stand in Your Love</i>	Sarah Chambers Amy McCarthy
<b>*Opening Prayer</b>		
Pastor: Let us pray.		
<b>People: Courageous God,</b>		
<b>we thank You that we are part of Your larger mission</b>		
<b>and purpose for the world.</b>		
<b>Your resurrection power is at work in our lives,</b>		
<b>giving us the ability, the strength and the courage</b>		
<b>to step out in faith when You call.</b>		
<b>Grant us the courage to be first—</b>		
<b>first to forgive, first to serve, first to speak truth, and show love.</b>		
<b>May we continue to press forward,</b>		
<b>living into God's purpose for our lives;</b>		
<b>through Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN.</b>		
<b>Children's Moment</b>		Linda Biscardo
<b>Annual Conference Report</b>		Peggy Owusu-Ansah
<b>Prayers of People</b>		Sarah Chambers
<b>Offering Song</b>	<i>Draw Me Nearer</i>	Sarah Chambers Amy McCarthy
<b>Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>New Testament Reading</b>	Philippians 3: 10-16	Robert Miller
<b>Message</b>	<i>Courage to be First</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller