

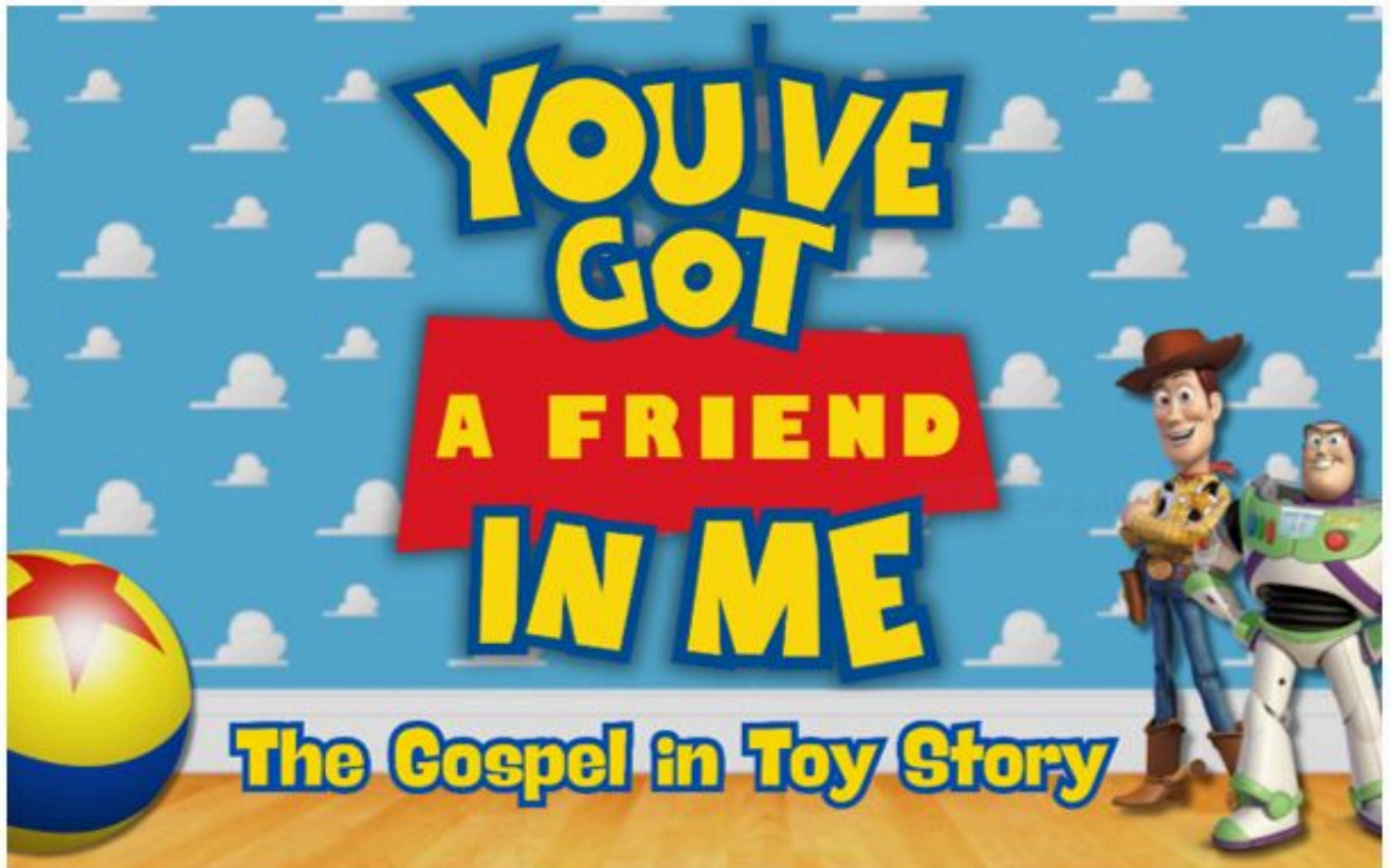


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**UMH – United Methodist Hymnal**  
**\*Stand in body or in spirit**

**Prelude**

*He Leadeth Me*

June Shuffett

**Welcome/Announcements**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**\*Call to Worship**

Pastor: The Bible reminds us: "There is no fear in love,  
but perfect love casts out fear."

**People: We come together to experience God's love—  
the kind that lifts our spirits and lets go of every insecurity.**

Pastor: When God's perfect love is with us,  
fear melts away and we find ourselves right where we belong—  
in God's embrace.

**People: Living in love, we know God is right here among us, cheering us on.**

Pastor: Because God loved us first, we can love boldly.  
Let's let go of our fears and step forward with joy.

**People: With open hearts,  
let's welcome the love that fills us with courage, confidence, and hope!**

**\*Hymn**

*Love Divine All Loves Excelling*

UMH 384

**\*Opening Prayer**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Leader: Let us pray.

**People: God of perfect love, in whom there is no fear,  
we come before You seeking the courage  
that flows from Your presence.  
When anxiety and uncertainty cloud our hearts,  
let Your steadfast love anchor us.  
May every shadow of doubt be chased away  
by the light of Christ shining within and among us.  
Shape us into a community marked by compassion, mercy,  
and the fearless embrace of those around us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

<b>Children's Moment</b>		Linda Biscardo
<b>Financial Update</b>		Michael Coltrin
<b>Prayers of People</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,</b>		
<b>Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,</b>		
<b>On earth as it is in heaven.</b>		
<b>Give us this day our daily bread</b>		
<b>And forgive us our trespasses</b>		
<b>as we forgive those who trespass against us.</b>		
<b>And lead us not into temptation,</b>		
<b>But deliver us from evil.</b>		
<b>For Thine is the kingdom,</b>		
<b>and the power and the glory. Forever. AMEN.</b>		
<b>Offering</b>	<i>My Jesus, I love Thee</i>	Teaka Robba Rachael Kahelin
<b>*Doxology</b>		UMH 95
<b>*Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>New Testament Reading</b>	1 John 4: 18-21	Karen Coltrin
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>How Firm A Foundation vs. 1-3</i>	UMH 529
<b>Message</b>	<i>Overcoming Insecurity and Fear</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Breakthrough Prayer</b>		
<b><i>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.</i></b>		
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>What A Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	<u>UMH 526</u>
<b>*Benediction</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>It Is Well with My Soul</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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