



FRANCONIA
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***Stand in body or in spirit**

Gathering	<i>Build You Kingdom Here</i> <i>House of the Lord</i>	Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Centering Moment		
*Centering Song	<i>Center</i>	Praise Band
*Opening Prayer		
Pastor: Let us pray.		
People: God of unity and grace,		
You gather us together from diverse backgrounds		
to form Your church.		
Remind us that in Christ we are one Body,		
each of us cherished, needed, and called.		
Help us to appreciate one another's gifts,		
to support each other,		
and to build up in love what You have started in us.		
May our hearts be open to welcome,		
our hands ready to serve,		
and our spirits grateful for the gift of belonging—		
all held together by Your Spirit, working within and among us;		
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.		
Blessing of the Backpacks		Linda Biscardo Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Mission Moment	Belonging to the Body of Christ	David Arnold
Prayers of People		Sarah Chambers



*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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