

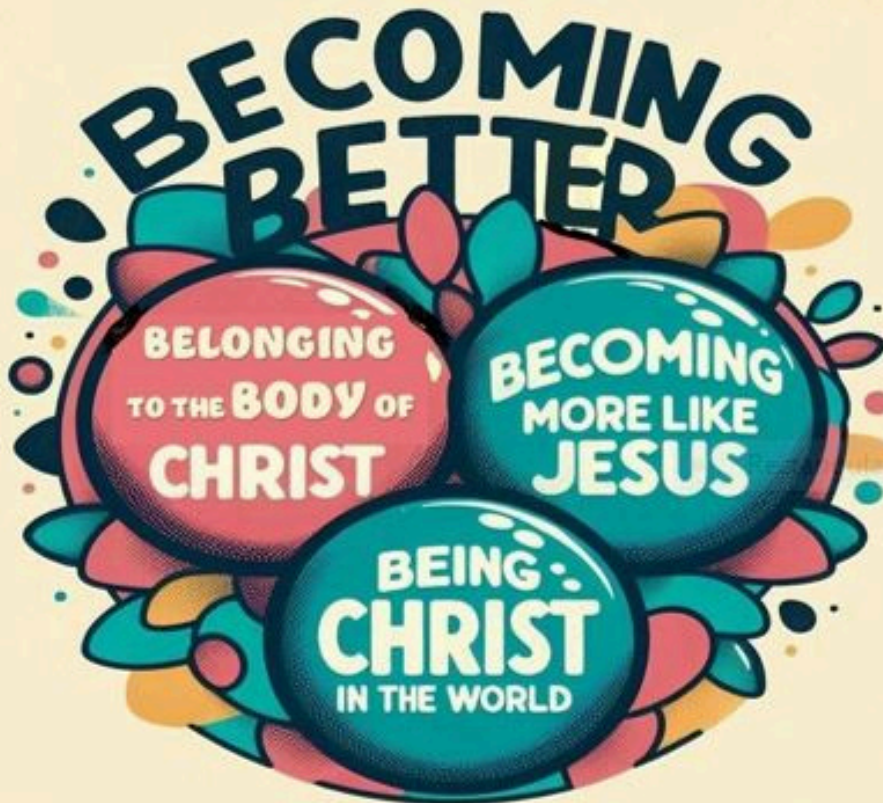


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Worship Series: Becoming Better

Message: Becoming More Like Jesus

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***Stand in body or in spirit**

Gathering *I Will Follow* Praise Band
Great is Thy Faithfulness (beginning to end)

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Centering Moment

***Centering Song** *Center* Praise Band

***Opening Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Gracious God,

You are ever at work in our hearts and lives,
transforming us to become more like Jesus.

Cultivate with us the attributes we see in Christ—

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control,
humility and forgiveness.

Teach us, day by day, to walk in step with You.

Shape our thoughts, our words, and our actions,
so that, reflecting Your glory,

we might become more like Jesus and shine His light into the world.

In His holy name we pray. AMEN.

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

Mission Moment Becoming More Like Jesus Heather Upp

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 Song *In Christ Alone* Praise Band

Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 3: 18; Joana Arthur
Colossians 3: 12-13; Galatians 5: 22-25

Sharing our Story Sonja Caison
Erika Stoner

Message *Becoming More Like Jesus* Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Baptism and Reception of New Members

Andrew Joseph Hamilton
Leah Alison Hamilton

*Closing Song *Lay Me Down* Praise Band

*Benediction Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude *Lay Me Down (Reprise)* Praise Band



*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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