



FRANCONIA
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UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS – The Faith We Sing
*Stand in body or in spirit

Prelude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: Come, beloved community—gathered in grace, rooted in love.
We are not here to escape the world, but to be Christ within it.

**People: We come as the Body of Christ,
called to serve, sent to shine, ready to love.**

Pastor: The Spirit breathes through us—
empowering our hands to heal, our voices to proclaim,
our hearts to welcome.

**People: We are ambassadors of reconciliation,
messengers of mercy, bearers of hope.**

Pastor: Let us worship the One who washed feet, broke bread,
and walked among the poor.
Let us follow the One who sends us still.

**People: Here we are, Lord.
Send us. Shape us. Shine through us.
May our worship become our witness,
and may we go forth to be Your love in the world.**

***Hymn**

Christ for the World we Sing

UHM 568

***Opening Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray.

**People: Gracious God,
You who walked among the poor, healed the broken,
and welcomed the outcast—
we gather in Your name, not to be comforted alone,
but to be commissioned.
You have called us to be Your hands in a hurting world,
Your voice in the silence,
Your presence in places longing for hope.
Soften our hearts to see as You see.
Strengthen our feet to go where You lead.
Shape our lives to reflect Your mercy and truth.
Let this time of worship awaken our calling.
Let Your Spirit stir in us a holy urgency—
to serve with joy, to love without condition,
to be Christ in the world, wherever You send us.
We offer ourselves now—fully, freely, and faithfully.
In Jesus' name, AMEN.**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Children's Moment		Linda Biscardo
Missions Moment	Being Christ in the World	Donell Ries
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	<i>If Anyone Thirsts</i>	Trio with Franconia Musica
*Doxology		UMH 95
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Gospel Reading	Matthew 5: 14-16; Matthew 25: 35-40; John 13: 34-35	Sam Patricola
New Testament Reading	Ephesians 5: 1-2	Sam Patricola
*Hymn	<i>Make Me A Servant</i>	TFWS 2176
Sharing our Story		John Patricola
Message	<i>Being Christ in the World</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Breakthrough Prayer		
<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>		
*Hymn	<i>Go, Make of All Disciples</i>	UMH 571
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Postlude	<i>Open My Eyes that I May See</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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