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

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| Prelude | <i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i> | June Shuffett |
| Welcome/Announcements | | Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller |
| Mission Moment | Rise Against Hunger | Suzanne Ackely |
| *Call to Worship | | |
| Pastor: Come, people of God, gather in the presence of the true Vine, the One who nourishes, prunes, and sustains. | | |
| People: We come to be rooted in Christ, to dwell in love that bears fruit. | | |
| Pastor: Jesus says, "I am the vine; you are the branches." Apart from Him, we wither. But in Him, we flourish. | | |
| People: We long to abide, to be connected to the source of life and grace. | | |
| Pastor: Let us worship the God who invites us to remain, to be held, to be loved, and to love one another as He has loved us. | | |
| People: We are here to abide. We are here to be transformed. We are here to worship our God and King. | | |
| *Hymn | <i>All Creatures of Our God and King (v. 1-3, 7)</i> | UMH 62 |
| *Opening Prayer | | Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller |
| Leader: Let us pray. | | |
| People: Creator God, You are the vine, and we are the branches. Help us prune away hatred, division, strife, and discord. Keep us connected to Your love and joy that we might bear much fruit in sharing Your Good News with the world. In Christ's sacred name, we pray. AMEN. | | |
| Children's Moment | | Linda Biscardo |
| Prayers of People | | Sarah Chambers |
| Offering | <i>We Shall Overcome</i> | Chancel Choir |
| *Doxology | | UMH 95 |

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| *Prayer of Thanksgiving | | Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller |
| Gospel Reading | John 15: 1-12 | Peggy Brown |
| Message | <i>Connection with God</i> | Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller |
| Invitation to Communion | | Sarah Chambers |
| Prayer of Confession | | See Screen |
| Assurance and Pardon | | See Screen |
| The Great Thanksgiving | UMH 13 | Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller |
| <p>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.</p> | | |
| Breaking of the Bread | | |
| Giving the Bread and Cup | | |
| Music During Communion | <i>Come, Sinners, To the Gospel Feast</i> | UMH 616 |
| <p>Prayer Following Communion 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.</p> | | |
| *Hymn | <i>How Great Thou Art</i> | UMH 77 |
| *Benediction | | Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller |
| Postlude | <i>Lead Me, Lord</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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