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# SUICIDE PREVENTION SUNDAY

Every conversation,  
no matter how small,  
contributes to  
a more understanding  
and supportive  
community



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#TogetherToSaveLives

**September 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM**

**National Suicide Prevention Week**

**Message: You Don't Have to Fix It**

**September 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM**  
**National Suicide Prevention Vigil & Walk**  
**Message: You Don't Have to Fix It**  
**\*Stand in body or in spirit**

**Gathering** *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* Praise Band

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 63: 1-8, UMH 788) Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: O God, You are my God. I will seek You,  
My soul thirsts for You;  
my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**People: So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary,  
beholding Your power and glory.**

Pastor: Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise You.

**People: So I will bless You as long as I live;  
I will lift my hands and call on Your name.**

Pastor: My soul has feasted as with marrow and fat,  
and my mouth praises You with joyful lips  
when I think of You upon my bed,  
and meditate on You in the watches of the night;

**All: For You have been my help,  
and in the shadow of Your wings I sing for joy.  
My soul clings to You;  
Your right hand upholds me.**

**\*Song** *Move* Praise Band

**\*Prayer** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Leader: Let us pray

**People: Jesus,  
You meet us where we are.  
You accept us lovingly, encourage us,  
and invite us into abundance in You.  
May we be nourished by the food of Your word,  
warmed by Your unfailing love, and then sent forth  
to nourish, heal, and love those around us. AMEN.**

**Children's Moment**

Linda Biscardo

**Prayers of the 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**

*Great Are You, Lord*

Praise Band

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 19:1-10

Bruce Bartolain

**Message**

*You Don't Have to Fix It  
Some Practical Ideas*

Sarah Chambers  
Aileen Andres

**Lighting of Luminaries**

See Screens

**Walk Instructions/ Final Announcements**

**Suicide Prevention Walk**

**\*Benediction** (on front steps)

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Postlude**

*Blessed Be Your Name*

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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