



FRANCONIA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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CREATED FOR CONNECTION



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***Stand in body or in spirit**

Gathering *Blessed Assurance* Praise Band
Come As You Are

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Mission Moment A Night in Bethlehem Susan Ruge-Hudson

Centering Moment

***Centering Song** *Move* Praise Band

***Opening Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Gracious God,

**You have called us not into isolation, but into community.
We confess that the weight of the world
can make connection feel hard,
and doing good can feel overwhelming.
You remind us that we are not alone.
In this time of worship, renew our hope,
strengthen our hearts,
and help us encourage one another;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.**

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

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

Unity Hymn

Praise Band

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 10: 23-25

Robert Miller

Message

Connection with Community

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Breakthrough Prayer

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.

***Closing Song**

Let Justice Roll

Praise Band

***Benediction**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

Let Justice Roll (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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