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UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
***Stand in body or in spirit**

Prelude *Come Christians, Join to Sing* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Mission Moment *A Night in Bethlehem* Susan Ruge-Hudson

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: Come, beloved community—
Let us hold fast to hope, for God is faithful.

**People: We come with open hearts,
longing for connection, courage, and grace.**

Pastor: Let us consider how to stir one another
to love and good deeds.

People: We rejoice in the gift of community and lift our praises to God.

***Hymn** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* UMH 218

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

Leader: 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

Give Thanks

Bells of Praise

***Doxology**

UMH 95

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 10: 23-25

Rachael Kahelin

***Hymn**

All to Jesus I Surrender

UMH 354

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.

***Hymn**

Standing On the Promises

UMH 374

***Benediction**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

Take My Life and Let it Be

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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