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# CREATED FOR CONNECTION



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

**Prelude** *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* June Shuffett

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

**\*Call to Worship**

Pastor: We come to worship, knowing the world is divided.

**People: Prince of Peace, tear down the walls of separation.**

Pastor: Society tries to divide us and make us strangers.

**People: Reconciling God, make us members of Your household.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship the One who connects us across divides.

**People: We worship Jesus who is our firm foundation--our cornerstone.**

**\*Hymn** *How Firm A Foundation* UMH 529

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

Leader: Let us pray.

**People: Gracious God,**

**You are the One who gathers us as Your family.**

**In Christ, You have broken down the walls that divide us—  
walls of fear, suspicion, and hostility—**

**and built us together into one household of faith.**

**Unite us across every boundary**

**and heal the wounds of division in our world.**

**Through Your Spirit, make us ambassadors of reconciliation;  
through Jesus Christ, our cornerstone and our peace. AMEN.**

**Children's Moment** Linda Biscardo



*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.*

Media Tech Team:	Marcus VanWychen	Bells of Praise:	Cantor: Bob Shuffett
Bobby Anderson	Vince Van Wychen	Suzanne Ackley	June Shuffett, piano
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Zach Chambers		Sharon Jones	
Caroline Coltrin		Doreen McKnight	
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Reverend: Melissa Porter-Miller

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Music Ministry: Amy McCarthy

Praise & Worship Leader: Sarah Chambers

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