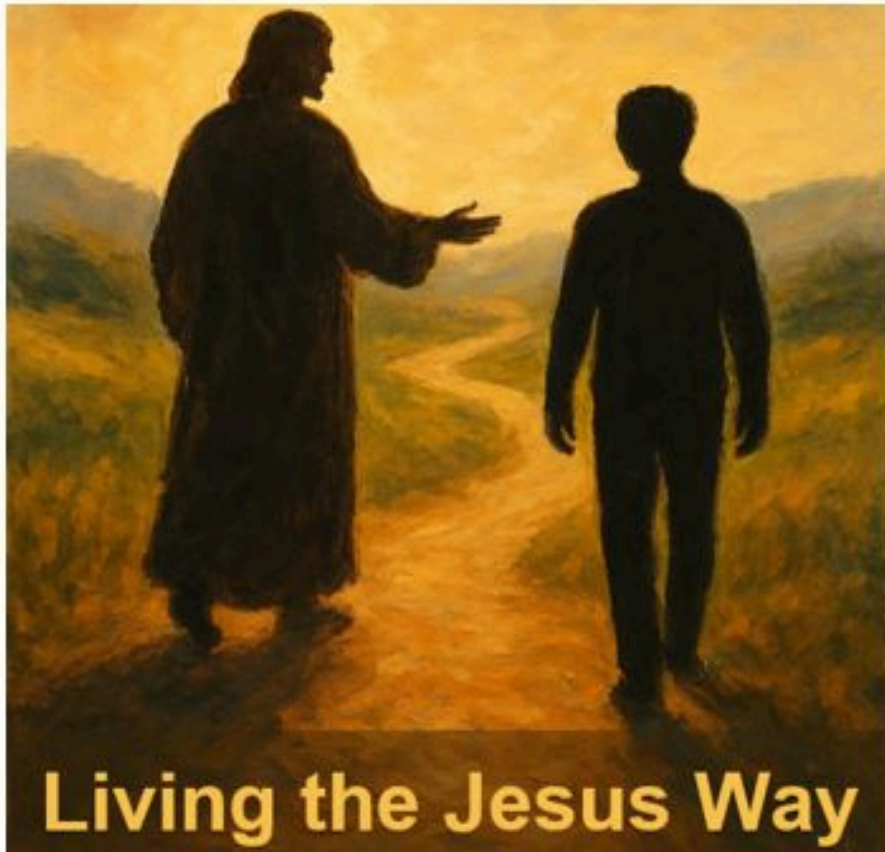




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Gathering	<i>House of the Lord</i> <i>I Surrender All</i>	Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Mission Moment	A Night in Bethlehem	Susan Ruge-Hudson
Centering Moment		
*Centering Song	<i>Take My Life</i>	Praise Band
*Opening Prayer		
Pastor: Let us pray.		
People: Gracious and Loving God,		
You created us in Your image		
and call us to reflect Your love.		
In Christ, You teach us to love You fully		
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.		
As we worship, show us what it means to give authentically—		
not just in words, but in lives of gratitude and service.		
Renew us in Your likeness,		
that we may love generously		
and give joyfully as Your people.		
In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.		
Children's Moment		Linda Biscardo
Prayers of People		Sarah Chambers

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	<i>How Deep the Father's Love for Us</i>	Praise Band
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Old Testament Reading	Genesis 1: 26-27	Rachel Hamilton
Gospel Reading	Matthew 22: 15-22, 34-40	Rachel Hamilton
Sharing Our Story		Peggy Owusu-Ansah
Message	<i>Authentic Loving, Authentic Giving</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Breakthrough Prayer	<i>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.</i>	
*Closing Song	<i>Love the Lord</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Postlude	<i>House of the Lord (Reprise)</i>	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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