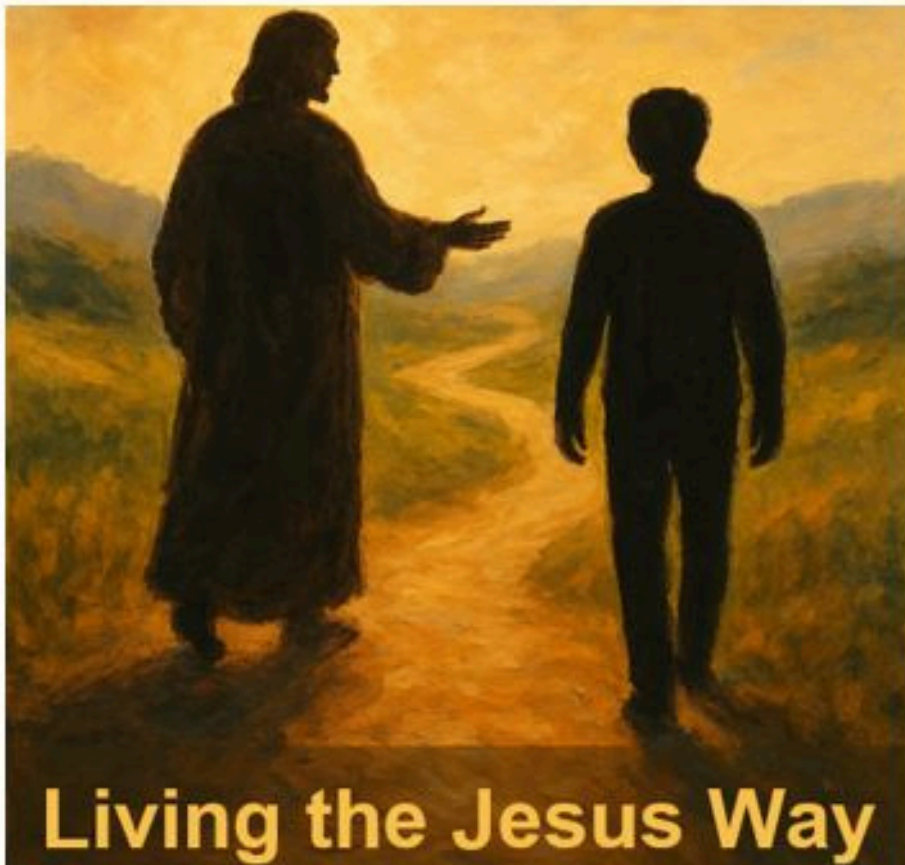




FRANCONIA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Prelude *Savior, Like a Shepherd* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Mission Moment A Night in Bethlehem Susan Ruge-Hudson

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: Come, beloved, made in God's image.

People: We are created to love and to give.

Pastor: Christ calls us to love God with all that we are

People: and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Pastor: In this place, we bring our whole lives—

People: to love authentically, to give generously, to worship faithfully.

Pastor: Let us worship the One who made us in love.

People: With joy and gratitude, we worship God together.

***Hymn** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* UMH 184

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

Leader: 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	<i>Over My Head</i>	Small Ensemble
*Doxology		UMH 95
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Old Testament Reading	Genesis 1: 26-27	Patricia O'Donnell
Gospel Reading	Matthew 22: 15-22, 34-40	Patricia O'Donnell
*Hymn	<i>Where Charity and Love Prevail</i>	UMH 549
Sharing Our Story		Patricia O'Donnell
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>		
*Hymn	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>	TFWS 2129
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Postlude	<i>All Christians, Be Committed</i>	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.*

Media Tech Team:	Marcus VanWychen	Small Ensemble:	Cantor: Karen Ingle
Bobby Anderson	Vince Van Wychen	Valerie Baybas	June Shuffett, piano
Joana Arthur	Liam Upp	Jordan Biscardo	Bob Shuffett, soloist
Zach Chambers		Sarah Chambers	
Caroline Coltrin		Zach Chambers	
Matthew Dodds		Karen Ingle	
Andrew Hamilton		Patricia O'Donnell	
Leah Hamilton		Rebecca Owusu-Ansah	
Jess Posey		Robert Miller	
Henry McCarthy		Robert Shuffett	
Grace Stahl		Ken Todack	

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