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***Stand in body or in spirit**

Introit	<i>God Is So Good</i>	Bells of Praise
Gathering	<i>Battle Belongs Your Love Defends Me</i>	Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Staff Update		Joana Arthur
Centering Moment		
*Centering Song	<i>Be Thou My Vision (Lord You Are)</i>	Praise Band

***Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Holy and gracious God,

You reach out to us with Your love.

As we enter this time of worship,

quiet the voices within us

that tell us we must be strong on our own.

Still the pressures that whisper we must hold everything together.

Open us to Your grace—

the grace that lifts the weary, finds the lost,

and heals what we cannot fix ourselves.

By Your Spirit, make us people of compassion and mercy,

ready to receive Your love and ready to share it.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus,

our Helper, our Healer, and our Hope. AMEN.

Children's Moment Andrea Reid

Prayers of People Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller



*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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