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

Prelude

O Worship the King

June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: When the world feels heavy and our strength feels small—

People: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Pastor: When life gives us more than we can bear—

People: God does not leave us to carry it alone.

Pastor: When fear rises, when the waters roar, when the mountains tremble—

People: The Holy One stands with us, steady and sure.

Pastor: Come, bring your burdens, your questions, your weariness, your hope.

People: We come to the God who meets us in our need.

Pastor: Let us worship the One who holds us in steadfast love,

People: For God is faithful, and God is with us.

***Hymn**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH 117

***Opening Prayer**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray

People: Gracious God,

Your love is deeper than our fear and stronger than our weakness.

You know the burdens we carry and the moments that overwhelm us.

**When life gives us more than we can handle, You draw near—
our refuge, our strength, our very present help in trouble.**

As we gather in Your presence, steady our hearts.

**Remind us that we do not walk by our own power,
but by Your grace and Your faithful companionship.**

Open us to Your Word today,

that we may trust not in our strength, but in Yours.

In Christ's name we pray. AMEN.

Children's Moment

Andrea Reid

Ministry Moment

Mike Coltrin

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

Above All

Grace Notes

***Doxology**

UMH 95

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 46: 1-2

Kathy Henry

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 10:13

Kathy Henry

***Hymn**

Of the Father's Love Begotten

UMH 184

Message

God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle 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**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

UMH 110

***Benediction**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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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