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

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy

June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: Come, all who long for a love that does not label or divide.

**People: We come seeking the love of Christ,
who sees us fully and loves us completely.**

Pastor: Come, all who are weary of judgment—
your own or someone else's.

**People: We come to rest in God's mercy,
wide enough for every one of us.**

Pastor: Come, all who desire to walk in the way of Jesus—
with humility, compassion, and grace.

People: We come to be shaped by love, strengthened by love, and sent in love.

Pastor: Let us worship the God who is our firm foundation—
steady, faithful, and true.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn**

How Firm A Foundation

UMH 529

***Opening Prayer**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray

People: Holy and gracious God,

**You are the One who knows us completely
and loves us without condition.**

**You see the truth of our lives—
our struggles, our failures, our hopes—
and You meet us with mercy.**

**Forgive us when we are quick to notice the faults of others
and slow to examine our own hearts.**

**Forgive us when our words, even well-intended ones,
wound instead of heal.**

**Teach us the way of Jesus:
to love without labeling,
to listen before judging,
to lead with compassion,**

and to trust Your Spirit to do the work of transformation.
As we worship today,
steady us on the foundation of Your grace.
Root us in Your love so deeply
that we become people who reflect that love in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Children's Moment

Andrea Reid

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

Surely, the Presence of the Lord

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Gospel Reading

Matthew 7:1-5

Jordan P. Biscardo

*Hymn

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

UMH 357

Message

Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin 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

Help Us Accept Each Other

UMH 560

*Benediction

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

I've Got Peace Like A River

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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