



FRANCONIA
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Ready For A Change

February 22, 2026 at 11:00 AM

Worship Series: Ready for a Change

Message: Courage

Contemporary Order of Worship
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***Gathering** *Good Grace* Praise Band
You Make Me Brave

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Centering Moment

***Centering Song** *Way Maker* Praise Band

***Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray

People: Holy and gracious God,

**You call us into new places and new possibilities,
yet we admit that change is hard.**

**We cling to what is familiar,
even when it no longer gives us life.**

**Give us Peter's courage—
not perfection,**

**but the willingness to take one trembling step
toward the future You imagine for us.**

When fear rises, steady our hearts.

When we falter, lift us again.

When we doubt, speak Your peace.

**Walk with us, Christ Jesus,
as we step out of our boats
and into the waters of transformation.**

**Make us ready for a change—
not by our strength,
but by Your grace. AMEN.**

Children's Moment Andrea Reid

Prayer Song *Change My Heart, O God* Praise Band

Prayers of People
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.

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Offering Song *It is Well* Praise Band

Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Gospel Reading Matthew 14:22-33 Erika Stoner

Message *Courage* 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.

*Closing Song *I Will Follow* Praise Band

*Benediction Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude *I Will Follow (reprise)* 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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