



FRANCONIA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**Ready For
A Change**

February 22, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Worship Series: Ready for a Change

Message: Courage

Traditional Order of Worship
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Prelude

June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: When the waters rise and the winds howl, God calls us to step out in faith.

People: We come, longing for courage, longing for change.

Pastor: When the familiar feels too small, and the future feels uncertain—

People: Christ meets us on the waves, saying, "Take heart, it is I."

Pastor: When our steps tremble, when our faith wavers, when we begin to sink—

People: Jesus reaches out a hand to steady us.

Pastor: So let us lift our eyes, open our hearts, and trust the One who calls us forward.

All: We come ready for a change. We come seeking courage. We come to worship God.

***Hymn**

Jesus Calls Us

UMH 398

***Opening Prayer**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

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

Ready for a Change

See Screen

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

Come Christians Join to Sing

Bells of Praise

*Doxology

UMH #95

Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow!

Praise Him all creatures here below!

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts!

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! AMEN

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Bruce Bartolain

*Hymn

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

UMH 368

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.

*Hymn

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

TFWS 2129

*Benediction

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

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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