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# Ready For A Change

**March 8, 2026 at 9:00 AM**

**Worship Series: Ready for a Change**

**Message: Everything Changes**

Traditional Order of Worship  
March 8, 2026  
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Message: *Everything Changes*

Cantor: Amy McCarthy

Prelude	<i>He Leadeth Me</i>	June Shuffett
Welcome/Announcements		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Mission Moment	Easter Egg- <del>Scaveganza</del>	Heather <del>Upp</del>

**\*Call to Worship**

Pastor: In a world where everything changes, shifts, and rearranges,  
we come seeking what is true and lasting.

**People: We come to the One whose presence does not fade,  
whose love does not end.**

Pastor: Jesus calls us to release our grip on life "just as it is,"  
so we may receive what is eternal.

**People: We open our hands and hearts,  
trusting the One who leads us into deeper life.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship the God who meets us in every change  
and calls us into eternal life.

**People: We lift our hearts, our voices, and our lives  
to the One who leads us forward in love.**

<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	UMH 159
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<b>*Opening Prayer</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
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Pastor: Let us pray

**People: Holy and Unchanging God,  
in a world that shifts beneath our feet,  
we gather in the shelter of Your presence.  
You are the One who remains steady  
when everything else is in motion.  
You are the One who calls us to release what we cling to  
so that we may receive what is eternal.  
Teach us to trust the way of Christ,  
root us in Your eternal faithfulness,  
and lead us forward as followers of Jesus,  
who goes before us always.  
In His holy name we pray. AMEN.**

Children's Moment

Sarah Chambers

Prayer Song

*Ready for A Change*

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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

*O Master Let Me Walk With Thee*

Grace Notes

**\*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

John 12:25-26

Sandy Ross

**\*Hymn**

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

UMH 399

Message

*Everything Changes*

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**

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

UMH 133

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

*Softly and Tenderly He Is Calling*

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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