



FRANCONIA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**Ready For
A Change**

March 15, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Worship Series: Ready for a Change

Message: Choices

Traditional Order of Worship
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UMH- United Methodist Hymnal
***Stand in body or in spirit**

Prelude	<i>Simple Gifts</i>	June Shuffett
Welcome/Announcements		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
*Call to Worship		
Pastor: In this season of Lent, God invites us to pause, to breathe, to listen.		
People: We come ready to notice the choices that shape our lives.		
Pastor: Christ calls us to a life rooted in grace, guided by wisdom, and open to transformation.		
People: We come with open hearts, ready to receive what God offers.		
Pastor: May God guide us to choose the things that bring us closer to God.		
People: May God lead us, center us, and shape the choices we make.		
*Hymn	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	UMH 451
*Opening Prayer		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Pastor: Let us pray		
People: Holy and gracious God, You invite us again and again into a deeper life with You, Yet our attention is often scattered and our priorities misplaced. Quiet the noise within us and around us, so that we may hear Your invitation once more. Guide us to choose paths that lead us closer to You and that help us reflect Your love in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.		
Children's Moment		Sarah Chambers
Financial Update		Dan Dickinson
Prayer Song	<i>Ready for A Change</i>	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

The Servant Song

Quartet

*Doxology

**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**

UMH #95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

*Hymn

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

UMH 581

Message

Choices

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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

Here I Am Lord

UMH 593

*Benediction

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

Jesus Is All the World to Me

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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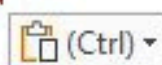
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YOU ARE

INVITED



You are invited
to love deeply,
to live fully,
to embrace God's grace and acceptance,
to open your heart to new life,
to notice the goodness of God in ordinary moments,
to grow in your awareness of God's presence,
to strengthen your connections with one another,
and to extend compassion to the world around you.

You are invited to receive God's transforming love—
and you are sent to embody that love wherever you go.

Go now as people shaped by grace,
choosing what leads to life,
choosing what reflects Christ's hope,
choosing what brings healing into the world.

You are invited.

You are sent.

Go in peace.