

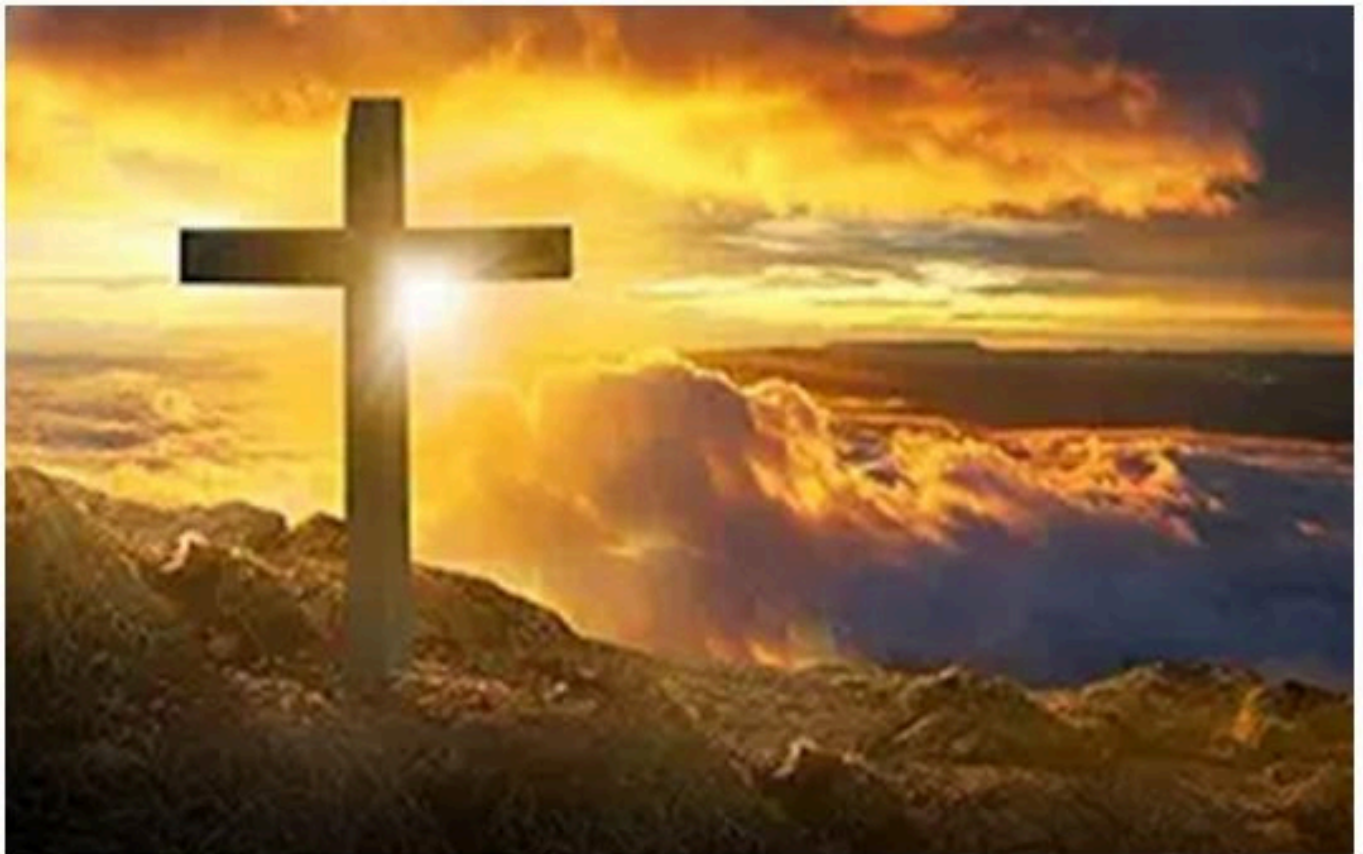


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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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April 5, 2026 at 9:00 AM

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Prelude *In the Garden* Sarah Chambers & Amy McCarthy

***Easter Greeting**

Pastor: Today we celebrate, because He is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Hymn *Christ the Lord is Risen Today (vs.1-4)* UMH 302

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Opening Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray

People: God of resurrection and life,

on this Easter morning we bring You the places in us
that feel tired, closed off, or long past hope.

Speak again Your promise,
"I am the resurrection and the life"

until it echoes in every corner of our hearts.

Roll away the stones we've grown used to.

Call us by name, as You called Mary,

and awaken us to the new life already rising in our midst. AMEN.

Children's Message Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller & Sarah Chambers

Easter Prayers Sarah Chambers

Offering *Wondrous Love* Chancel Choir

*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

Gospel Reading _____	John 20:1-18; John 11:25-27	Bruce Bartolain
Message	<i>Raised</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Invitation to Communion		Sarah Chambers
Prayer of Confession		See Screen
Assurance and Pardon		
The Great Thanksgiving	UMH 17	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<p>The Lord's Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, <u>Thy</u> 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.</p>		
Breaking of the Bread		
Giving the Bread and Cup		
Music During Communion	<u><i>In the Upper Room</i></u>	Chancel Choir
<p>Prayer Following Communion Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Together, at this table, <u>You</u> have offered us life. Together, by Your grace, we accept the life You offer. We go now into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves to others in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior. AMEN.</p>		
*Hymn	<i>He Lives</i>	UMH 310
Benediction		
Postlude _____	<i>I Sing the Greatness of Our Lord</i>	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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- Jordan R. Biscardo
- Sarah Chambers
- Zach Chambers
- Karen Ingle
- Patricia O'Donnell
- Rebecca Owusu-Ansah
- Robert Miller
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June Shuffett, piano/organ

- Julia Taylor, trumpet

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