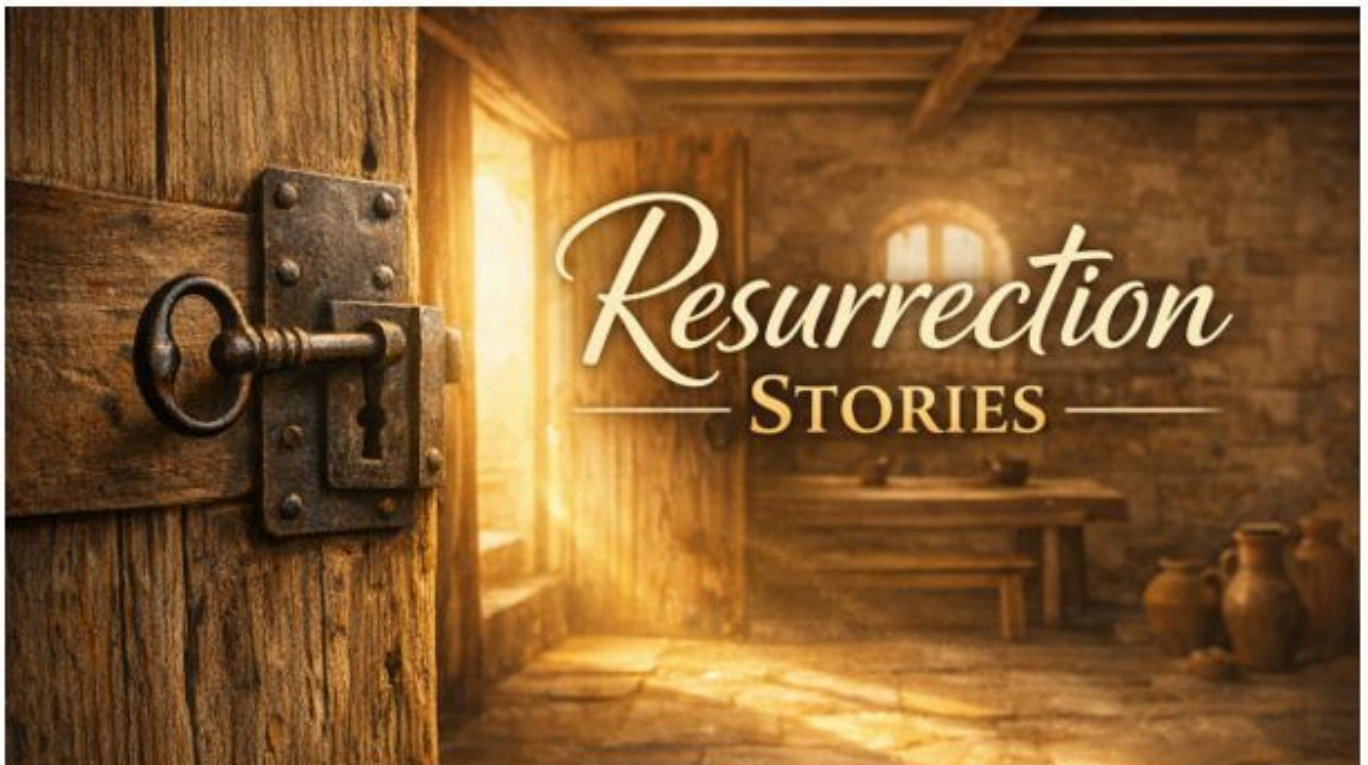




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**April 12, 2026 at 10:00 AM**

**Worship Series: Resurrection Stories**

**Message: Freed**

**Contemporary Order of Worship**

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**Message: *Resurrection Stories***

**\*Gathering**

*Move  
Build Your Kingdom Here*

Praise Band

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Centering Moment**

**\*Centering Song**

*Christ is Risen*

Praise Band

**\*Prayer**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray

**People: Risen Christ,**

**You enter our locked rooms and breathe peace into our fear.**

**You meet us in our doubt, our hiding, and our uncertainty,**

**and You free us to trust, to follow, and to live as Your Easter people.**

**As we gather in Your presence today,**

**open our hearts to Your Spirit,**

**that we may be shaped by the resurrection story**

**You are still telling in us. AMEN.**

**Children's Moment**

Linda Biscardo

**Mission Moment**

Aimee Hong,  
Assistant General Secretary of Programs,  
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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 Song	<i>Break Every Chain</i>	Praise Band
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Gospel Reading	John 20:19-29	Lisa Dickinson
Message	<i>Freed</i>	Sarah Chambers

## 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>Let Justice Roll</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller & Sarah Chambers
Choral Benediction	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	Praise Band
Postlude	Let Justice Roll ( <u>Reprise</u> )	Praise Band

**Please join us for lunch in Cokesbury Hall followed by two workshops presented by  
The United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society.**

**11:30 - "Introduction to Social Principles"**

**1:00 - "Dialogue as a Democratic Process"**

*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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