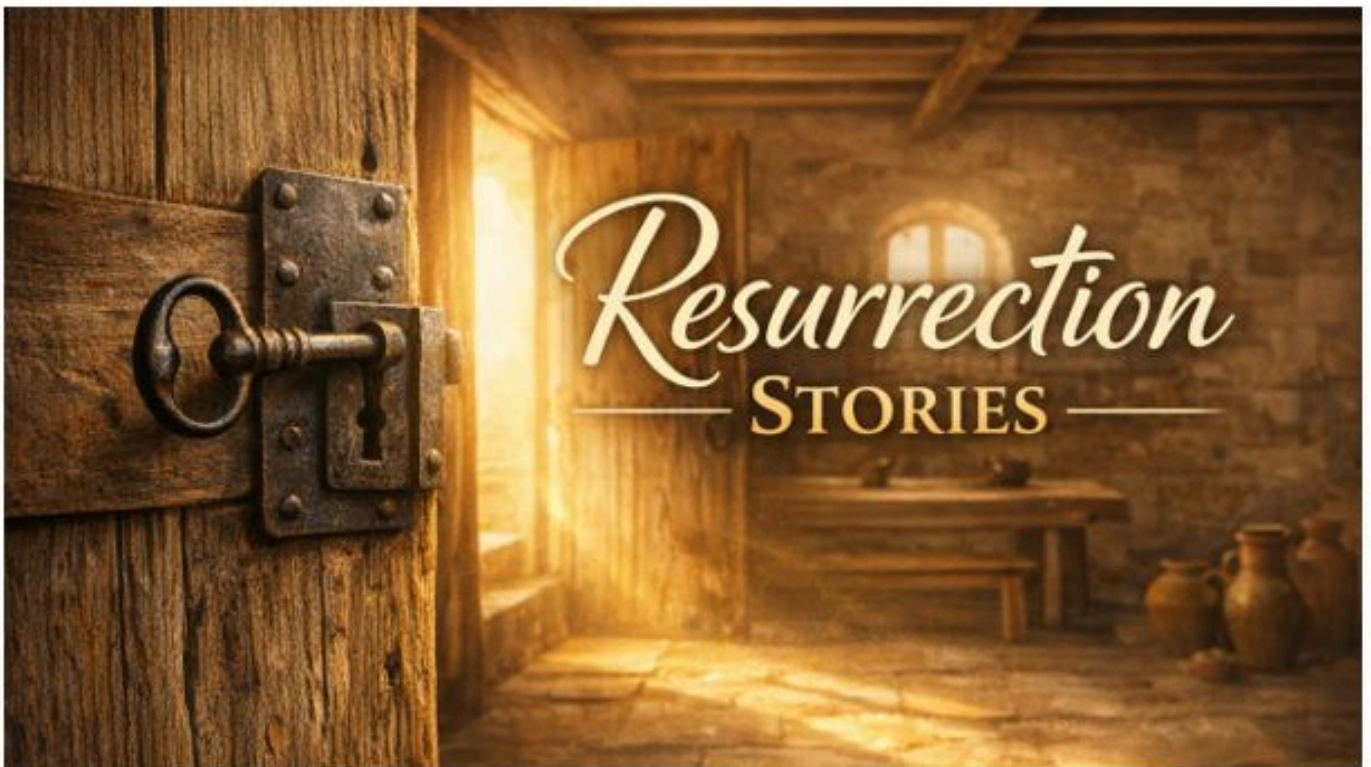




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**April 19, 2026 at 11:00 AM**

**Worship Series: Resurrection Stories**

**Message: Released**

**Contemporary Order of Worship**  
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**\*Gathering** *Blessed Assurance* Praise Band  
*Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me*

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Centering Moment**

**\*Centering Song** *Christ is Risen* Praise Band

**\*Prayer** Sarah Chambers

Pastor: Let us pray

**People: Holy God,**

**We come as travelers on the road,  
carrying our questions and our disappointments.  
Walk with us now as You walked with those on the Emmaus road.  
Open our eyes to see You in our midst.  
Open our hearts to receive a deeper understanding of Your ways.  
Open our lives to the wonder Your presence brings.  
And lead us into worship that draws us closer to the Risen Christ,  
who meets us on every road. AMEN.**

**Children's Moment** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Prayers of People** Sarah Chambers

**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.

<b>Offering Song</b>	<i>Turn Your Eyes</i>	Praise Band
<b>Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	Luke 24:13–35	Lisa Dickinson
<b>Message</b>	<i>Released</i>	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.*

<b>*Closing Song</b>	<i>This is Amazing Grace</i>	Praise Band
<b>*Benediction</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Choral Benediction</b>	<u>      </u> <i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>This is Amazing Grace (Reprise)</i>	Praise Band

*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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