



FRANCONIA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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April 19, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Worship Series: Resurrection Stories

Message: Released

Traditional Order of Worship
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Prelude

Lord of the Dance

Franconia Trio

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: We come as travelers on the road, carrying confusion, grief, and weariness.

People: Christ meets us on the way, even when we do not recognize Him.

Pastor: He opens Scripture, bringing clarity and new understanding.

People: He is revealed in the breaking of the bread, and our hearts awaken to wonder.

Pastor: Let us worship the God who releases us from confusion to clarity, from weariness to holy wonder.

People: We worship the Risen Christ who walks with us still.

***Hymn**

Come, Christians Join to Sing

UMH 158

***Opening 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.

Offering *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* Karen Ingle & Amy McCarthy

*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 Luke 24:13–35 Sandy Ross

*Hymn *O, Thou Who this Mysterious Bread* UMH 613

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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 *Open My Eyes* UMH 454

*Benediction Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Choral Benediction *I Love to Tell the Story* See screen

Postlude *Lord of All Hopefulness* Franconia Trio

*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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