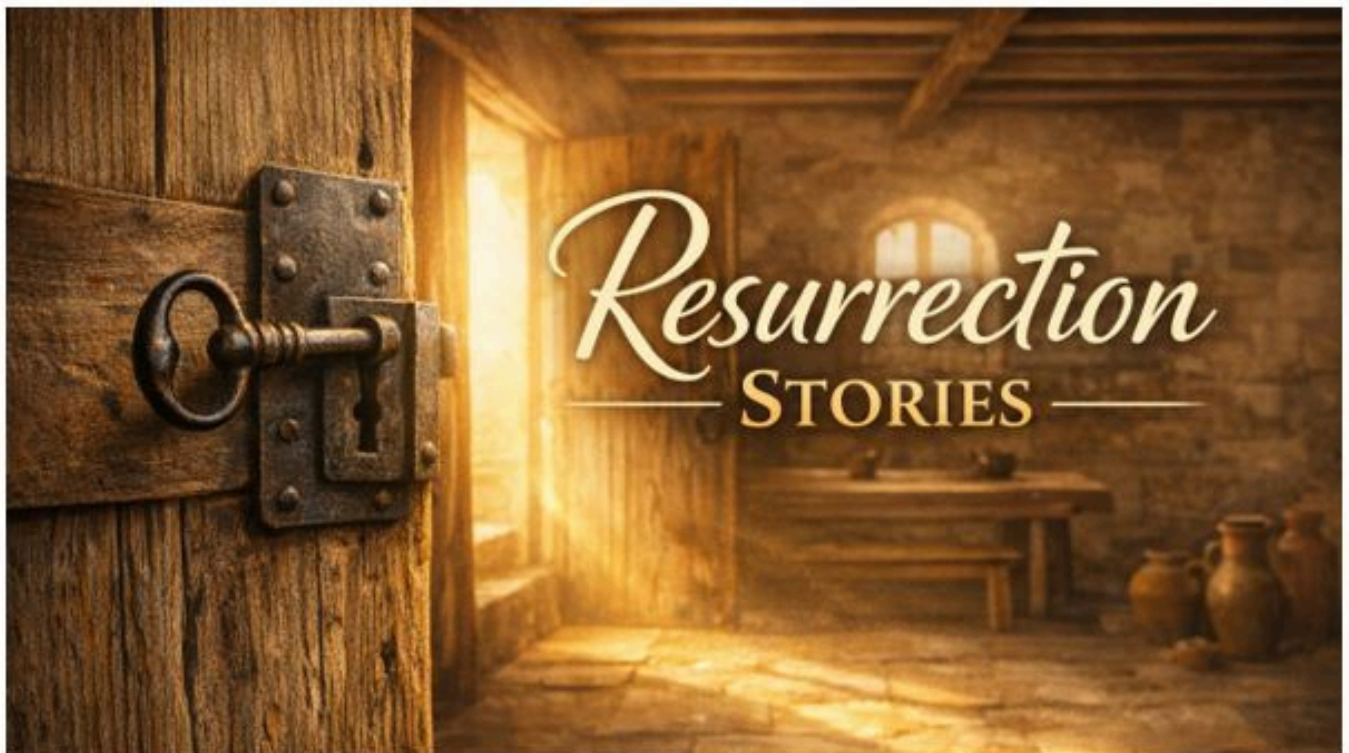




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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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May 10, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Worship Series: Resurrection Stories

Message: Liberated

Traditional Order of Worship
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Prelude

Abbie Palmer

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: In a world where captivity takes many forms, God calls us into freedom.

People: **God breaks chains we thought would never open.**

Pastor: When isolation closes in, God gathers us into community.

People: **God surrounds us with people who pray, protect, and stand with us.**

Pastor: When oppression rises, God moves with power and compassion.

People: **God works through ordinary people
who open their doors and their hearts.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship the God who liberates.

People: **We come to praise the One who still opens prison doors
and brings us home.**

***Hymn**

For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH #92

***Opening Prayer**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray

People: **Holy God,**

You gather us as You gathered Your people in the home of Mary.

**You draw us into a sanctuary where fear is met with courage,
where captivity is met with Your liberating power,
where isolation is broken by community.**

As You opened Peter's prison doors, open our hearts to Your presence.

**As You strengthened those who prayed through the night,
strengthen us to believe that Your freedom is still at work.**

As You moved through ordinary people, move through us today.

**Make this space a place where chains fall, where hope rises,
and where Your Spirit leads us into life.**

In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. AMEN.

Children's Moment

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Mother's Day Litany

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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

The Name of the Lord _____

Bells of Praise

*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

New Testament Reading

Acts 12:1-17

Patricia O'Donnell

*Hymn

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

UMH #128

Message

Liberated

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.

*Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

UMH #545

*Benediction

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Choral Benediction

I Love to Tell the Story

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Postlude

Abbie Palmer

*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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