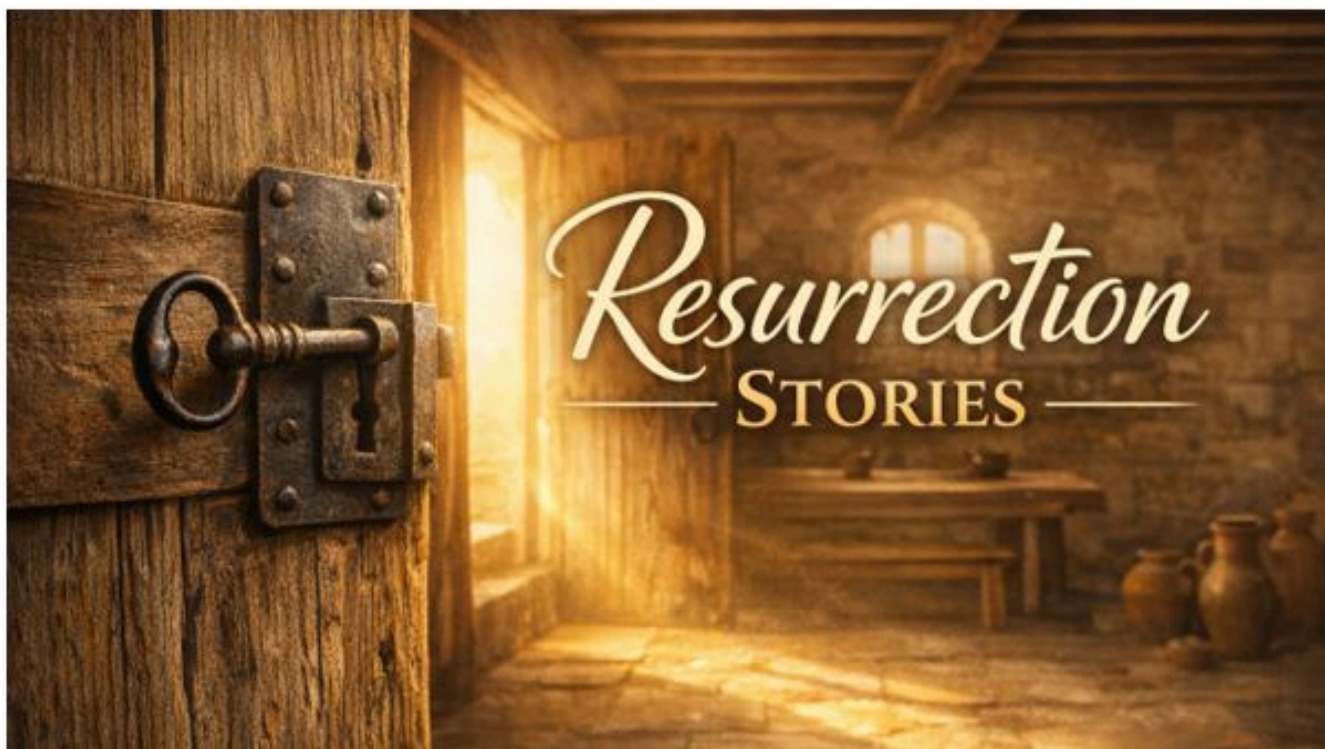




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**May 17, 2026 at 9:00 AM**  
**Worship Series: Resurrection Stories**  
**Message: Calmed**

**Traditional Order of Worship**  
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**Message: *Calmed***

**Prelude:** *It is Well with My Soul* June Shuffett

**Welcome/Announcements** Sarah Chambers

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We come with questions we don't have answers to, with uncertainty about what comes next.

**People: And yet, we come.**

Leader: We come carrying fears of change, of failure, of the unknown.

**People: And yet, we come.**

Leader: For the risen Christ meets us here, not with absence, but with presence, not with silence, but with a calling.

**People: "Do not be afraid. I am with you always."**

Leader: So come, not because everything is clear, but because Christ is near.

**All: Let us worship God.**

**\*Hymn** *Go, Make of All Disciples* UMH #571

**\*Opening Prayer** Sarah Chambers

Leader: Let us pray

**People: God of resurrection and promise,**

**we gather in this space bringing all that we are--**

**our questions, our fears, our hopes, and our longing.**

**You meet us not at the end of our uncertainty, but right in the middle of it.**

**You speak peace into our anxious hearts and call us forward with purpose.**

**Calm what feels restless within us today.**

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Quiet the noise that keeps us from hearing Your voice.  
Remind us that we are not alone—  
that wherever we go, You go with us.  
As we worship, center us in Your presence.  
As we listen, open us to Your call.  
As we leave, send us with Your peace. In Your risen name we pray. **AMEN.**

**Staff Appreciation**

Dana Kauffman

**Children's Moment**

Sarah Chambers

**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**

*Gaelic Blessing*

Amy McCarthy/Karen Ingle

**\*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**

Sarah Chambers

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*Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

**\*Hymn***Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

UMH #584

**Message***Calmed*

Joana Arthur

**Commissioning**

Joana Arthur

**Leader:** People of God, you have heard the promise of Jesus: "I am with you always." This is the word that calms our fear, steadies our steps, and sends us into the world with courage.

**People:** **We go in the peace Christ gives, trusting that we are never alone.**

**Leader:** You have been called to the mountain, to worship even with your doubts, to listen even with your questions, to receive the mission Christ places in your hands.

**People:** **We go to make disciples, to teach, to bless, to serve, to embody the love of Jesus wherever we are sent.**

**Leader:** As we go, we remember who God is shaping us to be as a church: a community where Christ's love is the center, where grace is not scarce but overflowing, where every person is welcomed with dignity, where differences are honored as gifts, where faith is nurtured and deepened, and where each of us is encouraged to offer the unique gifts God has placed within us for the good of the world.

**People: We go to live this calling: to welcome generously, to honor one another, to grow in faith, and to share our gifts with joy.**

**Leader:** You are commissioned to carry Christ's compassion into classrooms, workplaces, and homes.

To speak words that heal, to offer mercy where there is hurt, to practice justice where there is need, to extend kindness where there is loneliness.

**People: We go to live Christ's mission: teaching with grace, serving with compassion, and sharing His peace wherever we go.**

**Leader:** You are sent to be Christ's presence in conversations that need gentleness, in conflicts that need peace, in communities that need hope, in a world that needs courage.

**People: We go with open hands and willing hearts, ready to serve in the places God leads us.**

**Leader:** When the path ahead feels uncertain, when anxiety rises, when the work feels too big, remember the promise that calms us:

**People: Christ is with us always in every place, in every moment, to the end of the age.**

**Leader:** So go now, calmed by His presence, strengthened by His authority, and guided by His Spirit.

**People: We go as Christ's people—called, calmed, and sent. AMEN.**

<b>*<u>Hymn</u></b>	<i>Go Ye, Go Ye into the World</i>	TFWS #2239
<b>*Benediction</b>		Joana Arthur
<b>Choral Benediction</b>	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	See Screen
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Have Thine Own Way, 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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