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May 24, 2026 at 9:00 AM
Worship Series: Resurrection Stories
Message: Transformed

Traditional Order of Worship
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Prelude	<i>Glorify Thy Name</i>	June Shuffett
Welcome/Announcements		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Staff Update		Joana Arthur

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: On the day of Pentecost, the disciples gathered together,
waiting and praying.

People: And suddenly, the Spirit rushed in with wind and fire.

Pastor: The breath of God filled their lungs, and their hearts were set ablaze.

People: The Spirit transformed ordinary people into bold witnesses.

Pastor: Today we gather with that same longing,
that same hope, that same promise.

All: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us, change us, and send us out transformed.

*Hymn	<i>O Spirit of the Living God</i>	UMH #539
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***Opening Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray

People: Holy Spirit,

**on this Pentecost morning we remember
how You came like wind that shook the room
and fire that lit new courage in fearful hearts.
We remember how You transformed ordinary disciples
into people who could speak, love, and live in new ways.
We ask You to come again, not just to stir the air around us,
but to change the life within us.
Blow through the places where we are stuck.
Burn away what no longer gives life.
Open our mouths to speak Your truth,**

open our hearts to welcome Your power,
and open our lives to be shaped by Your love.
Make us a Spirit-filled people,
transformed for Your mission in the world. AMEN.

Children's Moment

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Prayers of People

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

Spirit, Fall on Us

Chancel and Youth Choirs

*Doxology

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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

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Caroline Coltrin
Sarah Chambers
Charlotte Glaser

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they

were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

***Hymn**

Spirit of the Living God

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Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Affirmation of Faith for Pentecost

We believe in God, the Creator,
who breathed life into all things,
who poured out the Spirit upon the earth,
and who continues to renew and transform the world.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
the Son of God, our Redeemer,
who walked among us,
who spoke words of truth and love,
who died and rose again,
and who sends the Spirit to guide us in grace and wisdom.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the fire of Pentecost,
who moves among us with power,
who fills our hearts with courage,
who calls us to justice and peace,
who breaks down barriers that divide,
and who unites us as one body in Christ.
We believe that we are the Church,
born of the Spirit,
sent into the world to proclaim God's love,
to serve with compassion,
to work for healing and hope,
and to live as Christ's witnesses to all people.
Thanks be to God! AMEN.

*Hymn *Love Divine All Loves Excelling*

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*Benediction

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Choral Benediction *I Love to Tell the Story*

Postlude *Every Time I Feel Like the Spirit*

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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