



FRANCONIA
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June 7, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Worship Series: The Gospel According to Peanuts

Message: Where Are You in the Strip?

Traditional Order of Worship
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Prelude

He Leadeth Me

June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: Come, people of God— gathered with all our differences, all our quirks, all our questions, all our gifts.

People: We come as we are, trusting that the Spirit meets us here.

Pastor: Some of us arrive like Paul—focused and determined. Some of us arrive like Barnabas—encouraging and hopeful. Some of us come feeling like Charlie Brown, some like Lucy or Linus or Snoopy—each with our own way of seeing the world.

People: Yet the same Spirit is at work in all of us.

Pastor: Scripture tells us: there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit... To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

People: We are many characters, but one community in Christ.

Pastor: So come! Bring your courage and your questions, your imagination and your perseverance, your boldness and your gentleness.

People: We bring our whole selves to God, trusting that every gift has a place.

Pastor: Let us worship the God who weaves all our stories together and makes us one body.

All: Thanks be to God. Let us worship with joy.

***Hymn**

Lead On, O King Eternal

UMH #580

***Opening Prayer**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray

People: Gracious God,

You gather us this morning just as we are
with our different stories, different strengths,
different ways of seeing the world.

You are the One who created us with intention,
who delights in our variety, and who weaves our gifts together
for the good of Your church and the healing of Your world.

As we worship, open our hearts to Your Spirit.

Help us recognize the gifts You've placed within us
and the gifts You've placed in one another.

Where we feel unsure, give us courage.

Where we feel strong, give us humility.

Where we feel divided, give us grace.

Make us one body, many members, many gifts, one Spirit.

In Christ's name, we pray. AMEN.

Graduate Recognition

Sarah Chambers

Children's Moment

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Prayers of People

Sarah Chambers

Offering

Bound for the Promised Land

Chancel Choir

*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 15:36-41; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Jordan Biscardo

Acts 15:36-41

After some days Paul said to Barnabas, 'Come, let us return and visit the believers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.' Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. But Paul decided not to take with them one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. But Paul chose Silas and set out, the believers commending him to the grace of the Lord. He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Message

Where Are You in the Strip?

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Invitation to Communion

Sarah Chambers

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,
You create us with different gifts,
different temperaments,
different ways of seeing the world.
Yet we confess that we do not always receive
these differences as gifts.
We compare ourselves to others.
We dismiss what we do not understand.
We hold back the gifts You have placed within us,
and we fail to honor the gifts You have placed in others.
Forgive us, O God.
Where we have been timid, give us courage.
Where we have been harsh, give us gentleness.
Where we have been divided, give us grace.
Shape us into one body,
many members, one Spirit. AMEN.

Assurance and Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news:

The God who created you in love
meets you with mercy.

The Spirit who gives gifts to each one of us
also gives grace enough for all of us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. AMEN.

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH #13

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .

And so, we Your people on earth

and with all the company of heaven

praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are You . . . And so, in remembrance
of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Music During Communion

Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine

TFWS #2266

Prayer Following Communion

Eternal God,
we give You thanks for this holy mystery
in which You have given Yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of Your Spirit,
to give ourselves to others
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Hymn

Forward Through the Ages

UMH #555


*Benediction

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

This is the Day

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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