



FRANCONIA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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July 19, 2026 at 10:00 AM – Traditional Service

Worship Series: Sacred Earth, Sacred Work

Message: Spirit of Compassion

Traditional Order of Worship
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Prelude *Sing of the Lord of Goodness* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Staff Update Joana Arthur

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: God is good!

People: **All the time!**

Pastor: And all the time!

People: **God is good!**

Pastor: Indeed, we gather to celebrate the goodness of God and all of God's creation. Let us give thanks for this opportunity to be together.

People: **We gather in God's loving presence, surrounded by grace and held in sacred community.**

Pastor: God's Spirit stirs compassion within us and reveals the possibility of transformation.

People: **With open hearts, we seek the strength to share God's love in the world each day.**

Pastor: Now, as the Light of Christ comes among us, I invite you to turn and face the light. As we turn toward Christ, may our hearts turn toward God, toward one another, and toward the needs of the world.

People: **Christ our Light, lead us in the way of compassion, that all may know Your love.**

*Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH #92

*Opening Prayer Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray

People: **Compassionate God,
You who know our hearts and love us completely,
open our hearts to the presence of Your Spirit within us,
that we may recognize Your image in one another
and honor Your holy presence in all creation.
We praise You for this place, this day, this community,
and this earth You have entrusted to our care. AMEN.**

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

Mir, Miru, Mir

Trio

*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

Mark 12: 28-34

Sandy Ross

I invite you to read the bolded sections in our scripture reading,

One of the legal experts heard their dispute and saw how well Jesus answered them. He came over and asked him, **"Which commandment is the most important of all?"**

Jesus replied, *"The most important one is **Israel**, listen! Our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, You will love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these."*

The legal expert said to him, **“Well said, Teacher. You have truthfully said that God is one and there is no other besides God. And to love God with all of the heart, a full understanding, and all of one’s strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself is much more important than all kinds of entirely burned offerings and sacrifices.”**

When Jesus saw that he had answered with wisdom, he said to him, **“You aren’t far from God’s kingdom.”** After that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

*Hymn	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	UMH #384
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Message	<i>Spirit of Compassion</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
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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	<i>Hope of the World</i>	UMH #178
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*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
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Postlude	<i>You Are My All In All</i>	June Shuffett
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*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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