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July 26 2026 at 10:00 AM – Contemporary Service
Worship Series: Sacred Earth, Sacred Work
Message: Sacred Creative Vocation

Contemporary Order of Worship
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Gathering

*I Will Follow
Here I Am Lord*

Praise Band

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Centering Moment

Pastor: God is good!

People: **All the time!**

Pastor: And all the time!

People: **God is good!**

Pastor: We gather today in the presence of the Creator, whose image lives within each one of us. Created with imagination, wisdom, and love, we are called to be visionaries, creators, and agents of healing in the world.

The Spirit of God stirs within us, awakening our capacity to dream, to serve, and to shape a more compassionate future. As we answer God's call, we say: "Here I am; send me."

May we cultivate the gifts entrusted to us, for the flourishing of the earth and all its creatures. May the work of our hands, the intentions of our hearts, and the choices we make today create ripples of hope for generations to come.

Now, as the Light of Christ comes among us, I invite you to turn toward the center and welcome the light. As we turn, may our hearts be drawn again to the Creator, to one another, and to the needs of the world.

Christ our Light, shine within us and through us that we may create with love, live with courage, and leave a legacy of blessing for all creation. Amen.

Centering Song

God of Wonders

Praise Band

*Opening Prayer

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray

People: **Creator God,**

**You who breathed Your breath into us,
inspire us to be who You have created us to be
so that we might offer our best selves to benefit a world
that so desperately needs support, hope, life and joy.
We praise You for nudging us into the future
You have created for each one of us. AMEN.**

Mission Trip Report

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 Song

Send Me

Praise Band

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Gospel Reading

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Sam Patricola

(You're invited to read the bolded sections in our scripture reading)

Leader: In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

People: **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'**

Leader: The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said,

People: **'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.'**

Leader: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, '

People: **'Here am I; send me!'**

Message

Sacred Creative Vocation

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.

Closing Song

Salt and Light

Praise Band

*Benediction

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

Salt and Light (Reprise)

Praise Band



*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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