



FRANCONIA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Just
Kidding



August 16, 2026 at 10:00 AM – Contemporary Service
Message: Just Kidding: Become Like A Child

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Contemporary Order of Worship
August 16, 2026
Sunday Worship: Just Kidding

Gathering	<i>The Father's House</i> <i>You Are My All in All</i>	Praise Band
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Welcome/Announcements	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
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Centering Moment

*Centering Song	<i>Who You Say I Am</i>	Praise Band
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*Opening Prayer	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
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Pastor: Let us pray

People: Loving God,

**Jesus said that "unless we change and become like children,
we will never enter the kingdom of heaven."
Change our hearts that we may truly live as Your children.
Teach us to trust You with childlike faith,
to receive Your love with open hearts,
and to welcome others with kindness, humility, and joy.
Help us follow Jesus each day,
growing in wonder, compassion, and obedience to Your will.
In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.**

Children's Moment	Kim Cimino
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Prayers of People	Sarah Chambers
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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 *Like a Child* Praise Band

Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:1-7 Kathy Henry

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.'

If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of stumbling-blocks! Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to the one by whom the stumbling-block comes!

Message *Just Kidding: Become Like a Child* 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.

*Benediction Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Closing Song Every Move I Make | 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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