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Prophecies & **Pottery**

August 30, 2026 10:00 AM – Traditional Service

Worship Series: Prophecies and Pottery

Message: Cracked Cisterns: Can't Hold Water

Traditional Order of Worship
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Prelude

How Great Thou Art

June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: Come, all who thirst for what truly gives life.

People: We come seeking the living water of God.

Pastor: Too often we chase things that cannot satisfy.

People: Too often we drink from cracked cisterns that cannot hold water.

Pastor: Yet God remains the fountain of mercy, grace, and hope.

People: We turn again to the source of life.

Pastor: Come and worship the One who refreshes every weary soul.

**People: We come to the fountain of living water,
trusting God alone to satisfy our deepest thirst**

***Hymn**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH #400

***Opening Prayer**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Gracious God,

You are the fountain of living water, the source of every good gift.

Yet we confess that we often thirst for things that cannot satisfy.

We chase what is temporary and neglect what gives life.

We turn to our own cracked cisterns,

trusting in things that cannot sustain us.

Draw us back to You today. Open our hearts to Your presence.

Fill our dry places with Your grace, Your wisdom, and Your love.

Teach us again where true life is found.

As we worship, renew our spirits, deepen our trust,

and help us drink deeply from the waters that never run dry.

In Your holy name we pray. AMEN.

Children's Moment

Kim Cimino

Mission Moment

Mike Coltrin

Prayer Song

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me,
fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Ken Toddack

*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

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Patricia O'Donnell

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord:
What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, 'Where is the Lord
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?'

I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.
But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.
The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?'
Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers[a] transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.
Therefore, once more I accuse you,
says the Lord,
and I accuse your children's children.
Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.
Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?
But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.
Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
says the Lord,
for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns
that can hold no water.

*Hymn

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

UMH #340

Message

Cracked Cisterns: Can't Hold Water

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.

*Hymn

All My Hope on God is Founded

UMC #132

*Benediction

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

He is Exalted

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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