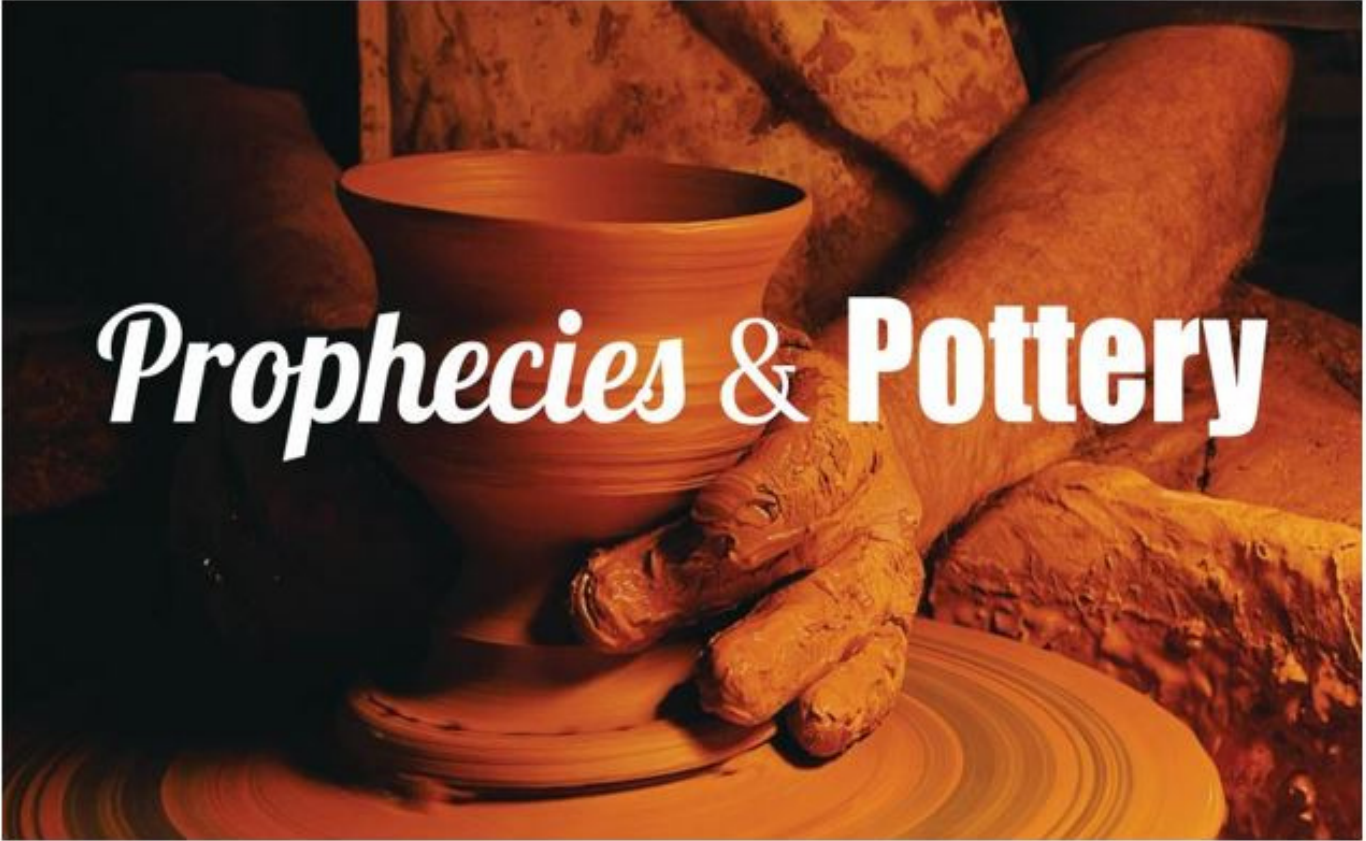




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Prophecies & **Pottery**

September 20, 2026 9:00 AM – Traditional Service

Worship Series: Prophecies and Pottery

Message: Vessels: Healing Tears

Traditional Order of Worship
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Cantor: Amy McCarthy

Prelude *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Mission Moment *Rise Against Hunger* Suzanne Ackley

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: Come, all who carry burdens and grief.

People: We come seeking God's healing presence.

Pastor: Our tears are known to God, and our sorrow is not ignored.

People: God meets us with compassion, comfort, and hope.

Pastor: Let us worship the One who gathers every tear and restores weary souls.

People: We come to worship God, the source of comfort, healing, and new life.

***Hymn** *All Who Love and Serve your City* UMH 433

***Opening Prayer** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Gracious and loving God,
 we come before You today
 carrying the joys and sorrows of our lives.
 You know every burden we bear,
 every tear we have shed,
 and every hope we hold deep within our hearts.
 Open our hearts to Your healing grace and Your comforting presence.
 Make us vessels of Your compassion and peace
 that we may love and serve others in Christ's name. AMEN.

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

Sarah Chambers

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

Come, Ye Disconsolate

Ensemble

***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 8:18 - 9:1

Sandy Ross

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.
Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:
'Is the Lord not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?'
(‘Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?’)
‘The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved.’
For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?
Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?
O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

HymnThere Is A Balm in Gilead*

UMH 375

Message*Vessels: Healing Tears*

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Time of Healing Prayer and Anointing**Music During Anointing***Heal Me, Hands of Jesus*UMH 262

Prayer After Anointing

Healing God,

For the touch of oil, for the gift of prayer,
and for the comfort of Your presence, we give You thanks.

You have heard our sorrows, received our tears,
and reminded us that we never walk alone.

As we leave this place, make us vessels of Your peace,
Your compassion, and Your healing love.

Where there is hurt, help us bring comfort.

Where there is grief, help us carry hope.

Where there is need, help us share the balm of Your grace.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn**

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

UMH 581

***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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