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# *Prophecies* & **Pottery**

**September 27, 2026 9:00 AM – Traditional Service**

**Worship Series: Prophecies and Pottery**

**Message: Earthenware Jars: Hope for the Future**

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| <b>Prelude</b> | <i>Christians, We Have Met to <u>Worship</u></i> | June Shuffett |
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**\*Call to Worship**

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| *Hymn | <i>O' God Our Help in Ages Past</i> | UMH #117 |
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Children's Moment Kim Cimino

**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  
The Lord's Prayer

Rev Melissa Porter-Miller

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**

*In Christ Alone*

Grace Notes

**\*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 32: 1-3a, 6-15

Jordan Biscardo

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of

the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

**\*Hymn**

*Be Still My Soul*

UMH #534

**Message**

*Earthenware Jars: Hope for the Future*

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**

Forward Through the Ages

UMH #555

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Postlude**

Standing on the Promises

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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