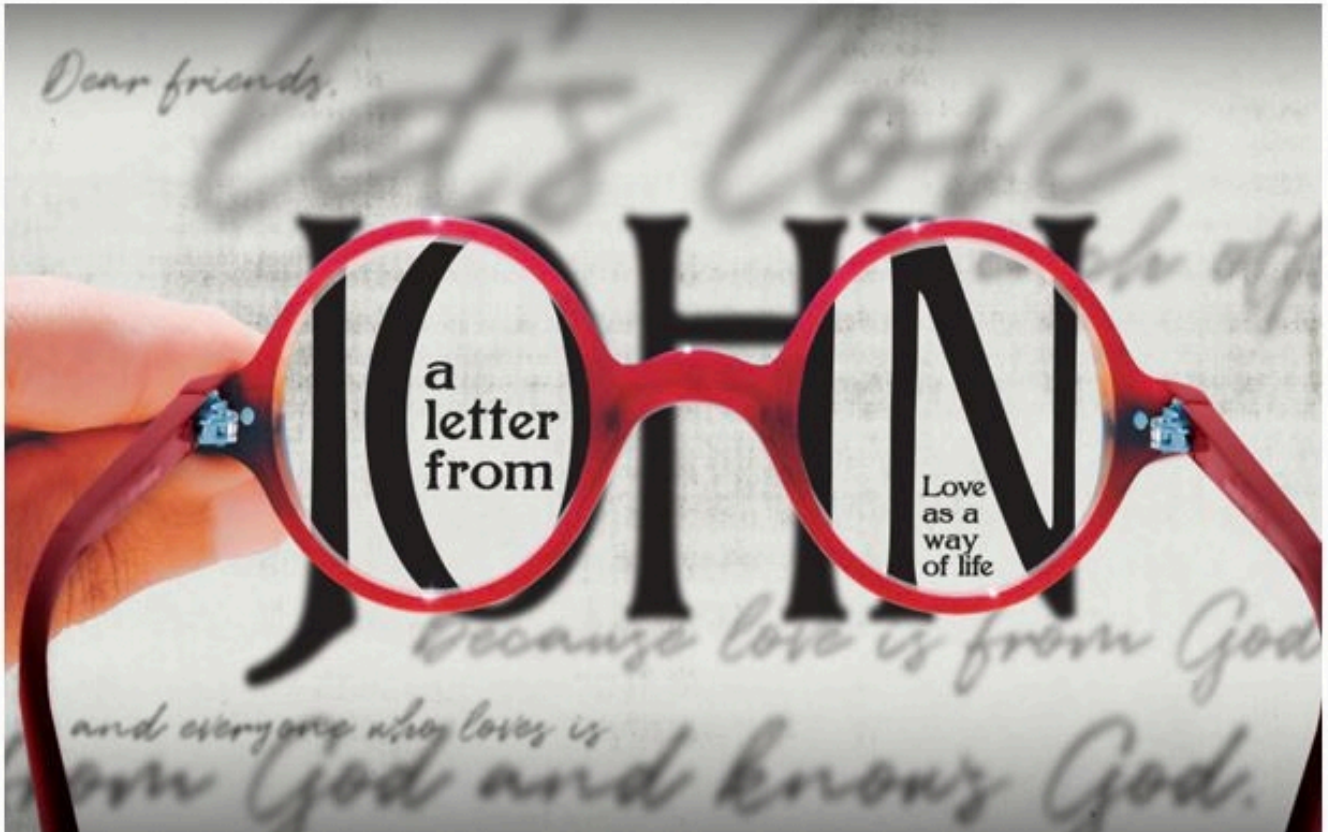




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Traditional Order of Worship
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Prelude	<i>God So Loved the World</i>	June Shuffett
Welcome/Announcements		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Ministry Moment	A Night in Bethlehem	Susan Ruge-Hudson
*Call to Worship Pastor: Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God. People: We gather to worship the God who is love. Pastor: In a world marked by division, Christ calls us to a better way. People: We come seeking the way of grace, compassion, and peace. Pastor: In a culture that often teaches us to fear one another, God invites us to love one another. People: We open our hearts to God's transforming love. Pastor: Come, let us worship the One who loved us first. People: With joy and gratitude, we worship God, whose love never fails.		
*Hymn	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore <u>Thee</u></i>	UMH #89
*Opening Prayer		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Pastor: Let us pray. People: Loving God, We thank You for the joy of gathering in Your presence. Through song, prayer, and praise, we lift our hearts to You. Draw us closer to Jesus Christ, the One who stands at the center of our faith and our lives. Quiet the voices that divide us and fill us with Your Spirit of humility, grace, and love. Teach us anew what it means to love as You love. Help us to see one another as neighbors, sisters, and brothers, beloved by You. In a world marked by conflict and fear, make us instruments of Your peace and ambassadors of Your compassion. Shape us into a community whose life bears witness to Your love, so that all we say and do may reflect the grace of Christ. AMEN.		

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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Bells of Praise

*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

New Testament Reading

1 John 4:7-11

Patricia O'Donnell

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

*Hymn

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH #557

Message

Culture, Politics, and Jesus

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

We've A Story to Tell the Nations

UMH #569

*Benediction

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

I Love You, Lord

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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