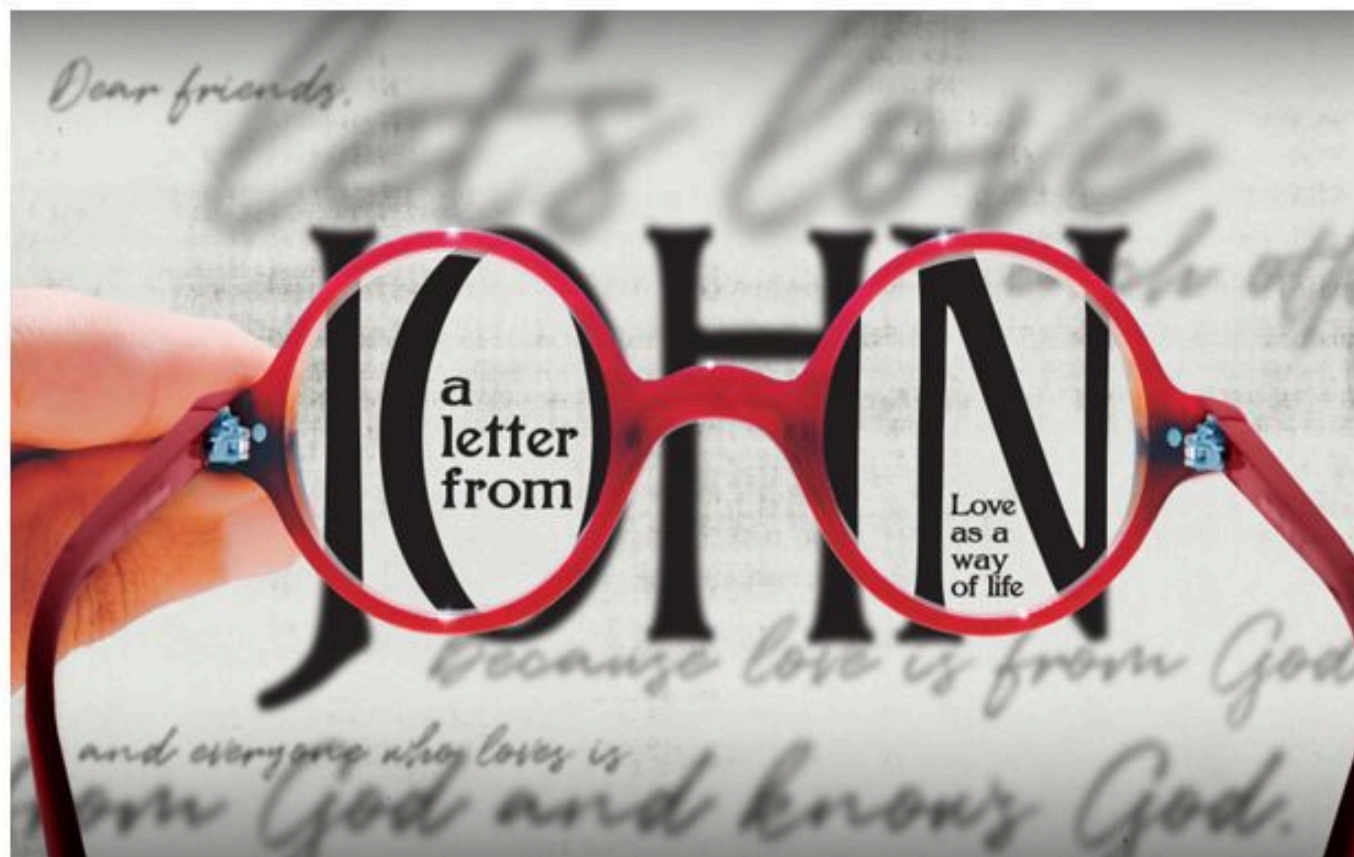




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October 18, 2026 9:00 AM – Traditional Service
Worship Series: A Letter from John: Love as a Way of Life
Message: Life, Light and Love

Traditional Order of Worship
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Prelude	<i>In Christ Alone</i>	Grace Notes
Welcome/Announcements		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Mission Moment	Journey Through Grief Together Series	Heather Upp
Ministry Moment	Koinonia	Judy Davis

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Beloved, God calls us out of darkness and into marvelous light.

People: We come seeking the light of Christ.

Pastor: In Christ, we are offered a life deeper than possessions, success, or fear.

People: We come seeking the abundant life God desires for all.

Pastor: God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God.

People: We come to receive God's love and to share it with others.

Pastor: Let us worship the One who is our life, our light, and our love.

People: With grateful hearts, we praise God.

*Hymn	<i>O For <u>A</u> Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	UMH #57
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*Opening Prayer

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: God of life,

You call us out of darkness and into Your light.

Turn our hearts away from fear and toward love.

Open our eyes to Your truth,

and help us follow Christ more faithfully each day.

May our worship draw us deeper into the life

that is found in You alone. 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

Beloved Let Us Love One Another

Chancel Choir

*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 1:1-2, 5-7,
2:10-11, 15-17; 3:1; 4:16

Bruce Bartolain

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷ but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Whoever loves a brother or sister abides in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates a brother or sister is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world, for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—

comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God abide forever.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are.

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

*Hymn	<i>I Want to Walk <u>As</u> a Child of the Light</i>	UMH #206
Message	<i>Life, Light, and Love</i>	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	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	UMH #585
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Postlude	<i>My Jesus, I Love Thee</i>	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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