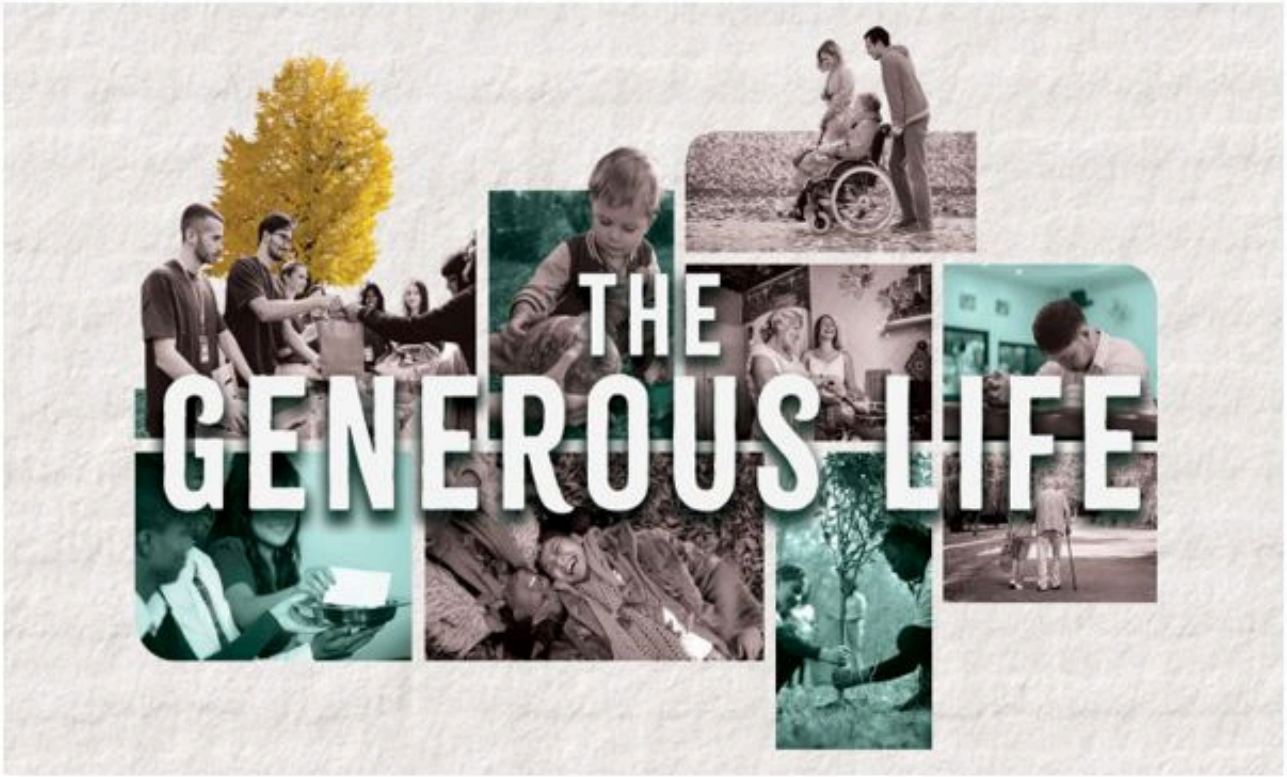
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November 8, 2026 11:00 AM – Contemporary Service
Worship Series: The Generous Life
Message: The Generous Life

Contemporary Order of Worship
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Gathering — *Love the Lord* / *Hungry* — Praise Band

Welcome/Announcements — Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Centering Moment

*Centering Song — *Goodness of God*

*Opening Prayer — Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Let us pray:

People: Generous God,
You have gathered us in this place
and reminded us of the many blessings that fill our lives.
As we continue in worship,
help us not only to be grateful for Your gifts,
but also to be faithful with them.
Open our hearts to trust in You more than in our own resources.
Open our eyes to the needs of those around us.
Open our hands to share freely, serve willingly, and give generously.
As You have been generous toward us,
form us into a people whose generosity reflects Your own.
Through Christ our Lord. AMEN

Veterans' Day Recognition

Children's Moment — Kim Cimino

Baptism and Reception of New Members:

Christopher Roe (Baptism)
Iria Roe (Associate Member)
Cresson Williams (New Member)

(Baptism and Reception New Members Slide)

New members and sponsors come to altar rail.
Brothers and sisters in Christ:
Through the Sacrament of Baptism
we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.
We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
and given new birth through water and the Spirit.
All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
Linda: I present Iria Roe who comes as an associate member and Cresson Williams who comes as member...
Cresson: I present Christopher Roe for baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH
On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.**

Will you nurture Christopher
in Christ's holy Church,
that by your teaching and example they may be guided
to accept God's grace for themselves,
to profess their faith openly,
and to lead a Christian life?
I will.

According to the grace given to you,
will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? **I will.**

To our sponsors:
Will you support and encourage them in their Christian life? **I will.**

Godparent vow.

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

People: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

People: With God's help we will proclaim the Good News
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround them
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.
We will pray for them
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to eternal life.

Leader (Sarah Chambers): Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.
Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.
Eternal Father:
When nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters
and brought forth light.
In the days of Noah
you saved those on the ark through water.
After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.
When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.
Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised.

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell of God's mercy each day.

Pastor: In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb.
He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.
He called his disciples
to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

People: Declare Christ's works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit,
to bless this gift of water and they who receive it,
to wash away their sin
and clothe them in righteousness
throughout their life,
that, dying and being raised with Christ,
they may share in his final victory.

People: All praise to you, Eternal Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns forever. AMEN.

Baptism of Christopher Roe
Christopher Roe, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

"Name", the Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen

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that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.
Pastor: Now it is our joy to welcome
our new brother in Christ.

People: Through baptism
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
as member of the family of Christ.

Baptismal Song *God Claims You* Praise Band

Reception of New Members Slide—Reception Into the United Methodist Church)
Iria Roe (Associate Member)
Cresson Williams

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
As members of Christ's universal Church,
will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries**? I will.**

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION
As members of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presence,
your gifts, your service
and your witness? **I will.**

Pastor: Members of the household of God,
I commend Iria and Cresson to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

People: We give thanks for all God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this
congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our
covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by
our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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 Song	*Here I Am to Worship*	Praise Band
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
New Testament Reading	1 Timothy 6:17-19	Caroline Coltrin

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Message	*The Generous Life*	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.

*Closing Song	*Lay Me Down*	Praise Band
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Postlude	*Lay Me Down (reprise)*	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

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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