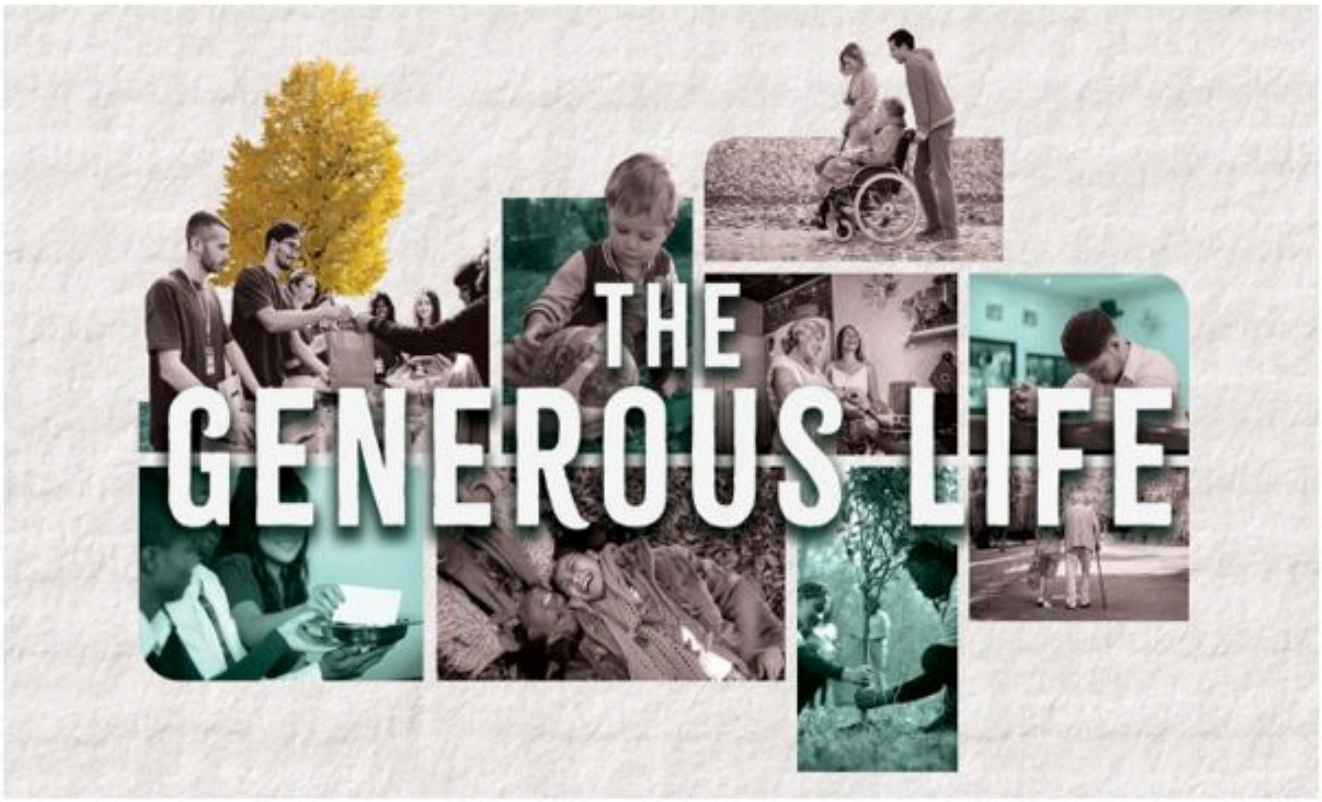
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**November 8, 2026 9:00 AM – Traditional Service**
**Worship Series: The Generous Life**
**Message: The Generous Life**

**Traditional Order of Worship**
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**Prelude** T*ake My Life and Let it Be* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Mission Moment** Community Thanksgiving Dinner Pat Hobbs

*Call to Worship

Pastor: We gather to worship the God who richly provides.
**People: We come with gratitude for all we have received.**
Pastor: For the beauty of the earth and the gifts of each day,
**People: We give thanks to God.**
Pastor: For the grace we have received in Christ,
**People: We give thanks to God.**
Pastor: And in gratitude, we seek to live lives of generosity and service.
**People: Let us worship God together.**

*Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* *UMH* #92

*Opening Prayer Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Pastor: 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

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 — *How Great is Our God with How Great Thou* — 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 Timothy 6: 17-19 — Bruce Bartolain

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.

*Hymn — *Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise* — UMH #103

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.***

*Hymn *Christ For the World We Sing* UMH 568

*Benediction Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude *Let There Be Peace on Earth* 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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