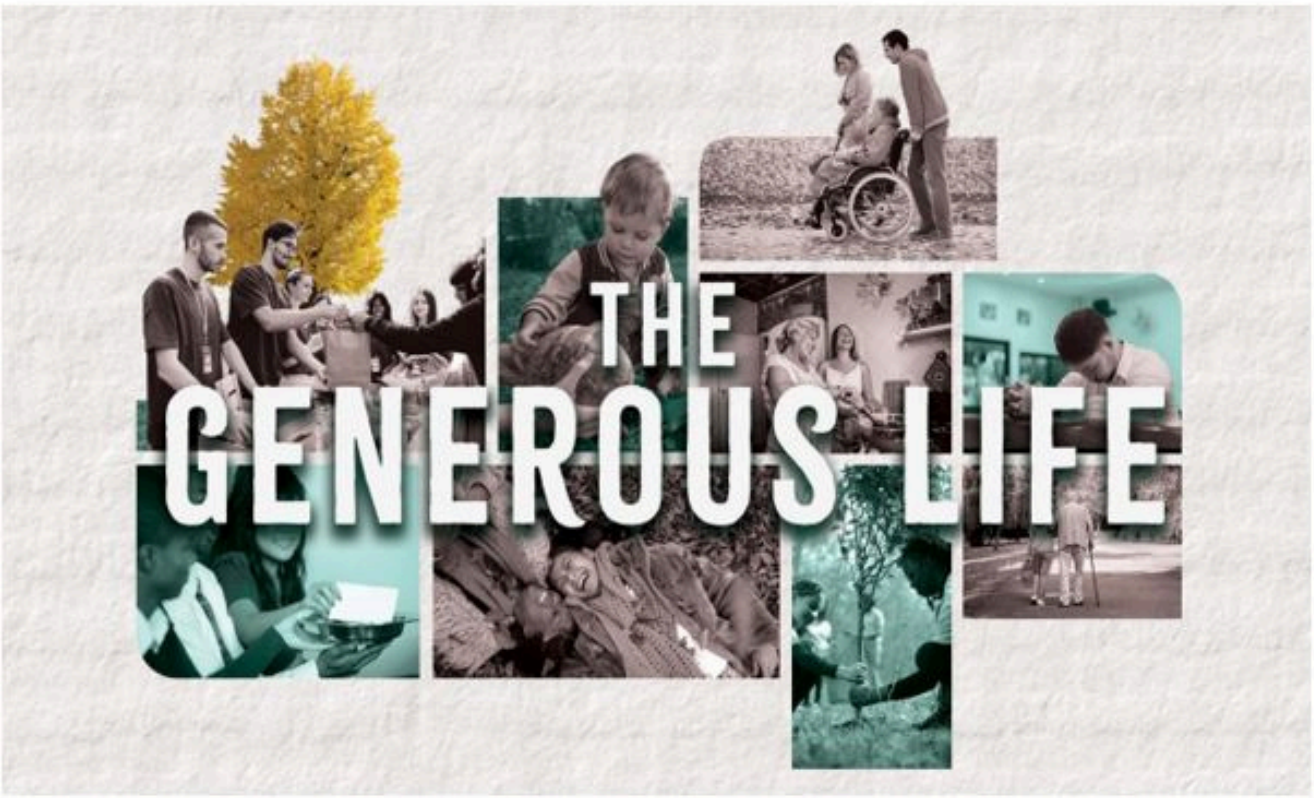
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November 15, 2026 9:00 AM – Traditional Service
Worship Series: The Generous Life
Message: Jesus and The Generous Life

Traditional Order of Worship
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Prelude Seek First the Kingdom of God June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

*Call to Worship
Pastor: Jesus reminds us: Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
People: We come to turn our hearts toward God, the giver of every good gift.
Pastor: Jesus warns us that life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.
People: **We seek a richer life, grounded in grace, gratitude, and trust.**
Pastor: Jesus tells the story of the Samaritan who saw a neighbor in need
and responded with compassion.
People: **We are called to love not only with words, but with generous action.**
Pastor: God has blessed us with time, gifts, resources, and opportunities to serve.
People: **Come, let us worship the One whose love is abundant,
whose mercy overflows, and whose generosity knows no end.**

*Hymn *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* UMH #405

*Opening Prayer Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Lord Jesus Christ,
You showed us what the generous life looks like.
You saw those whom others passed by.
You welcomed those whom others overlooked.
You taught that life is not found in what we possess,
but in following You.
Fix our eyes upon You.
Quiet the voices that tell us we need more,
achieve more, or accumulate more.
Help us instead to seek Your kingdom first.
Shape our hearts to reflect Your heart,
that we might become people
who love generously and serve joyfully. AMEN.**

Children's·Moment → → → ·····*For·All·You·Do* → → .. → ··Franconia·Puppets¶
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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.°¶
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Offering → °.°.°.· → . → *Fairest·Lord·Jesus°* → ····· → → → → ·····Quartet¶
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*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¶

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*Prayer·of·Thanksgiving° → → → → → → ····Rev.·Melissa·Porter-Miller¶
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Gospel·Reading·····Matthew·6:21;·**Luke·12:15-·21·and·Luke·10:33-35**·····| → ·····Kathy·Henry¶
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Matthew·6:21¶
For·where·your·treasure·is,·there·your·heart·will·be·also.¶
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Luke·12:15-·21¶
And·he·said·to·them,·'Take·care!·Be·on·your·guard·against·all·kinds·of·greed;·for¶
one's·life·does·not·consist·in·the·abundance·of·possessions.'·Then·he·told·them·a¶
parable:·'The·land·of·a·rich·man·produced·abundantly.·And·he·thought·to·himself,¶
"What·should·I·do,·for·I·have·no·place·to·store·my·crops?"·Then·he·said,·"I·will·do¶
this:·I·will·pull·down·my·barns·and·build·larger·ones,·and·there·I·will·store·all·my¶

grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Luke 10:33-35
But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend."

*Hymn *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* UMH #43

Message Jesus and *The Generous Life* *Rev.* Melissa Porter-Miller

(*During time of musical reflection, you are invited to bring forward your Estimates of Giving card, offering it to God*).

Litany of Dedication

Pastor: We give praise and thanks to You, O God!
In Jesus Christ, You have given us abundant life.
You have commanded Your disciples then and now
to continue Your work of love in action throughout the world.

People: We are set apart for the work of ministry in this place.
We support Jesus' ministry with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, living out love not only in word, but in truth and in action.

Pastor: We ask God's blessing on our Estimates of Giving.

People: Loving Lord of Life,
we offer our Estimates of Giving for Christ's Kingdom work
through Franconia United Methodist Church.
Our gifts sustain the building, the pastor and staff,
our programs, our worship, and all that is needed to live out our mission—
building a community of Christ's love to serve the world.
Bless our work together with You and one another in ministry and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*Hymn	*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*	UMH #581
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Postlude	*He Has Made Me Glad*	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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