



FRANCONIA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Franconia United Methodist Church

10:00 am Worship, December 5, 2021

Prelude

Of the Father's Love Begotten

June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Threshold Moment

There are angels among us that may not meet the eye
There are messages of *peace* coming from a choir on high
But don't just look up; for the way God works
is to plant more peace right here on earth just like it was with Jesus' birth.

[choir/congregation joins, prompting congregation to stand]

There are angels among us, there are angels among us,
there are angels among us, bringing **peace** on earth.

[in unison]

Do not be afraid

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Family

The Stanish

Advent Wreath Prayer

Reader: Let us pray:

**Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,
alight within us Your flame of peace this day.**

Grant us openness to hear Your message.

**Grant us courage to be Your messengers in the world,
creating more peace in the midst of fear.**

And with the angel messengers above us, among us and within us, we sing...

***Hymn**

To a Maid Engaged to Joseph

UMH #215

Children's Moment

Linda Biscardo

Prayer Song

Surely the Presence of the Lord

UMH#328

Prayers of the People

Sarah Chambers

***Hymn**

Savior of the Nations, Come

UMH #214

Dramatic Reading of Scripture Luke 1: 26-36

Bruce Bartolain, Sarah Chambers, Dilan Baybas

Message

Nothing is Impossible: More Peace

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Invitation to Communion

Sarah Chambers

Leader: Paul's letter to the Hebrews includes a wonderful word ...the Grace of God that is already and always awaiting us if we are open to it.

People: **Let us set aside any hesitation, any obstacle to the invitation.**

In this silence, we offer to God our confession of the ways we turn away from the fullness of love.

Silent Confession

Assurance and Pardon

Leader: Know this: ... In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: Glory to God! AMEN.

The Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . . And so, we Your people on earth and with all the company of heaven praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are You . . .And so, in remembrance of these Your might acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer Following Communion

Eternal God,

we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world With Your peace in the strength of Your Spirit,

to give ourselves to others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

***Hymn**

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

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***Benediction**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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