

*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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Joy In Our Past



November 14, 2021
10:00 am
125th Anniversary

Franconia United Methodist Church

10:00 am Worship, November 14, 2021

* Stand as you are able

Prelude We Gather Together Grace Notes

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

*Call to Worship
Pastor: Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all the generations. (Psalm 90:1)
People: You, O Lord, have been a dwelling place for us and our children.
Pastor: Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting You are God. (Psalm 90:2)
People: You, O Lord, have been with us for these 125 years!
Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)
People: You, O Lord, have been our refuge and our strength!
Pastor: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (Psalm 46:7, 11)
People: You, O Lord, are the eternal One and we have trusted You.
Pastor: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22, 23)
People: You, O Lord, have been our faithful One!
Pastor: Jesus said, "I will build My church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." (Matthew 16:18)
People: You, O Lord, have built Your church in this place and we have been blessed.

*Hymn The Church's One Foundation UMH #545

*Opening Prayer Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Pastor: Let us pray
**Almighty and everlasting God, be present with us,
gathered here to gratefully remember our past
and to joyfully anticipate our future.
We thank You that we are all One in Christ,
and we pray that as members of Your body,
Your Holy Spirit would knit us together
in the bonds of unity and love.
Let Your Spirit descend upon us,
and empower us to be Your church in this time and place,
and for generations to come;
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

Baptism Bonnie Joanne Hudson

Baptismal Song God Claims You

Children's Moment Faith Kingdom Kids

Greetings from Previous Pastors

A Celebration in Pictures

Special Music One Faith, One Hope, One Lord, Craig Courtney Chancel Choir

Interviews: Franconia Memories

Prayers of the 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.**

Scripture Reading Mark 4:26-32 Robert Miller

Message Planting Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert, District Superintendent

*Hymn How Great Thou Art UMH #77

Benediction Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert, District Superintendent

Choral Response Here I Am, Lord (v. 1 & refrain)

Postlude Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee JRS²



*Thank you to the 125th Anniversary Planning Team
for all their hours of work in planning for today's special service.*