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UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS – The Faith We Sing
*Stand in body or in spirit

Prelude: *As the Deer* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: As we come together in worship,

People: may we be inspired to walk in the footsteps.

Pastor: Let us embody His compassion, mercy, and love.

People: Where He leads, we will follow.

***Hymn** *I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light* UMH 206

***Opening Prayer** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray

People: Loving God,

thank You for leading us every day.

Even when we struggle to hear Your voice,

we trust that You, as the shepherd of our souls,

are there to lead us on the right path. AMEN.

Blessing of the Backpacks Linda Biscardo and Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Praying for our Teachers and School Staff

Prayers of People Sarah Chambers

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 *Led By the Master's Hand* *Trio*

***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*

Sharing our Story *Dana Kauffman*

New Testament Reading *John 10:1-16* *Kathy Henry*

***Hymn** *Gather Us In* *TFWS 2236*

Message *Where He Leads, I Will Follow* *Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller*

***Hymn** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* *TFWS 2129*

***Benediction** *Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller*

Postlude *Follow, Follow On* *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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