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**September 1, 2024 at 9:00 AM**

**Worship Series: Influencers**

**Message: The World is Watching**

Traditional Order of Worship  
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UMH – United Methodist Hymnal  
TFWS – The Faith We Sing  
\*Stand in body or in spirit

Prelude	<i>Second Movement of A Major Sonata</i>	June Shuffett
Welcome/Announcements		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>*Call to Worship</b>		
Pastor: Jesus calls us to be the Light of the World.		
People: <b>May our lives shine brightly with the love and truth of Christ, illuminating the darkness around us.</b>		
Pastor: Jesus calls us to be the Salt of the Earth.		
People: <b>Let us be the flavor that brings out the best in every situation, preserving and enhancing the world with God's grace.</b>		
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	UMH 92
<b>*Opening Prayer</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Pastor: Let us pray		
People: <b>Holy God,</b>		
<b>remind us each day that we are Your beloved</b>		
<b>and that You have equipped us to shine</b>		
<b>the light of Christ into the world.</b>		
<b>Strengthen us so that we may fearlessly</b>		
<b>live into this mission</b>		
<b>and always point those we encounter to You;</b>		
<b>through Jesus, the Light of the World. AMEN.</b>		
Children's Moment		Linda Biscardo
Prayers of People		Sarah Chambers
Offering	<i>Savior, Shepherd, Lead Me</i>	Chancel Choir
<b><u>*Doxology</u></b>		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	
<b>*Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

<b>New Testament Reading</b>	Matthew 5:13-16	Bruce <u>Bartolain</u>
<b>Message</b>	<i>The World is Watching</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Invitation to Communion</b>		Sarah Chambers
<b>Prayer of Confession</b>		See Screen
<b>Assurance and Pardon</b>		See Screen
<b>The Great Thanksgiving</b>	UMH 13	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<p><b>The Lord's Prayer</b>  Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  Thy kingdom come, <u>Thy</u> 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.</p>		
<b>Breaking of the Bread</b>		
<b>Giving the Bread and Cup</b>		
<b>Music During Communion</b>	<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	<u>UMH 620</u>
<p><b>Prayer Following Communion</b>  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  in the strength of Your Spirit,  to give ourselves to others  in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.</p>		
<b><u>*Hymn</u></b>	<i>Shine Jesus, Shine</i>	TFWS 2173
<b>*Benediction</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Change My Heart Oh God</i>	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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Amy McCarthy  
Robert Miller  
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**Staff:**

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