



**FRANCONIA**  
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# SUICIDE PREVENTION SUNDAY

Every conversation,  
no matter how small,  
contributes to  
a more understanding  
and supportive  
community



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#starttheconversation

**September 8, 2024 at 9:00 AM**

**Suicide Prevention Sunday**

**Message: What If?**

Traditional Order of Worship  
September 8, 2024  
Suicide Prevention Sunday  
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UMH – United Methodist Hymnal  
\*Stand in body or in spirit

**Prelude** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* June Shuffett

**Welcome/Announcements** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: When darkness strangles the will to live, when days become endless nights,

**People: God of Light, shine on us.**

Leader: When no one seems to understand, when we walk and wait alone,

**People: God of love, embrace us with your presence.**

**Where there is despair, bring hope;**

**Where there is shame, give value and worth;**

**Where there is emptiness, bring fulfillment;**

**Where there is suffering in mind and body, bring healing.**

**God of hope, hear our prayers. AMEN.**

**\*Hymn** *Come Christians Join to Sing* UMH 158

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

Leader: Let us pray

**People: Jesus,**

**You meet us where we are.**

**You accept us lovingly, encourage us,  
and invite us into abundance in You.**

**May we be nourished by the food of Your word,  
warmed by your unfailing love, and then sent forth  
to nourish, heal, and love those around us. AMEN.**

**Children's Moment** Linda Biscardo

**Prayers of 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.

**Offering** *His Eye is on the Sparrow* Franconia Musica

**\*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

**New Testament Reading** *John 21:1-13* Peggy Brown

**\*Hymn** *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies* UMH 173

**Skit** *Am I Ready?* Sarah Chambers  
Zach Chambers

**Message** *What If?* Sarah Chambers

**\*Hymn** *Go Forth for God* UMH 670

**\*Benediction** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller  
Sarah Chambers

**Postlude** *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* 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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