

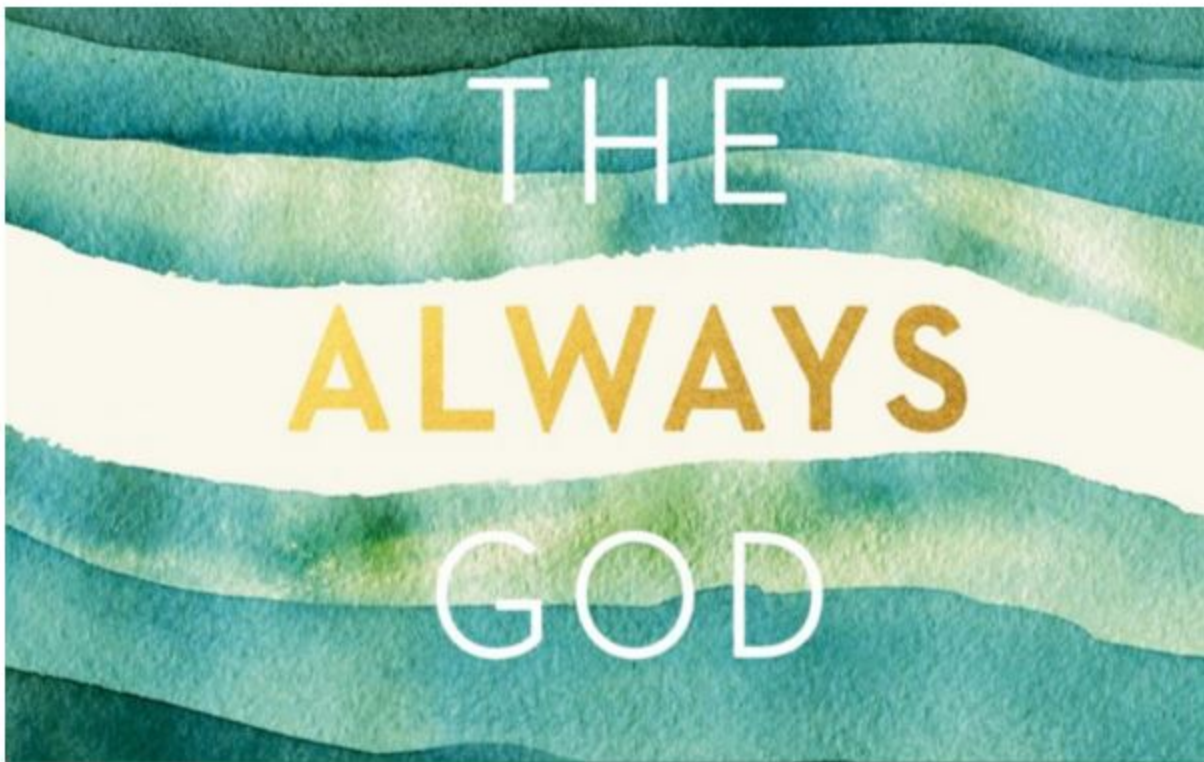


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<b>Gathering</b>	<i>Raise A Hallelujah</i>	Praise Band
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Centering Moment</b>		
<b>*Centering Song</b>	<i>Goodness of God</i>	Praise Band
<b>*Opening Prayer</b>		
Pastor: Let us pray.		
<b>People: Always Speaking God,</b>		
<b>we thank You for the many ways that You speak to us each day:</b>		
<b>through the whispers of our hearts, the beauty of creation,</b>		
<b>the laughter of children, the advice of a friend,</b>		
<b>the wisdom of Your Word.</b>		
<b>Open our ears to hear Your voice amidst the noise of the world,</b>		
<b>and our hearts to receive the revelations You have for us.</b>		
<b>May we experience moments of epiphany—</b>		
<b>those divine insights that illuminate our paths and deepen our faith.</b>		
<b>May we know that You are always speaking,</b>		
<b>always revealing, always with us. AMEN.</b>		
<b>Children's Moment</b>		Linda Biscardo
<b>Prayers of People</b>		Sarah Chambers
<b>Offering Song</b>	<i>How Many Kings</i>	Praise Band
<b>Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Old Testament Reading</b>	Exodus 3: 1-5; Isaiah 60: 1-6	Carol Stahl
<b>Message</b>	Always Speaking	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>  <b>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,</b>  <b>Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,</b>  <b>On earth as it is in heaven.</b>  <b>Give us this day our daily bread</b>  <b>And forgive us our trespasses</b>  <b>as we forgive those who trespass against us.</b>  <b>And lead us not into temptation,</b>  <b>But deliver us from evil.</b>  <b>For Thine is the kingdom,</b>  <b>and the power and the glory. Forever. AMEN.</b></p>		
<b>Breaking of the Bread</b>		
<b>Giving the Bread and Cup</b>		
<b>Music During Communion</b>	<i>Speak to Me</i>	Praise Band
<p><b>Prayer Following Communion</b>  <b>Eternal God,</b>  <b>we give You thanks for this holy mystery</b>  <b>in which You have given Yourself to us.</b>  <b>Grant that we may go into the world</b>  <b>in the strength of Your Spirit,</b>  <b>to give ourselves to others</b>  <b>in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.</b></p>		
<b>*Closing Song</b>	<i>God So Loved</i>	Praise Band
<b>*Benediction</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>God So Loved (Reprise)</i>	Praise Band



*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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