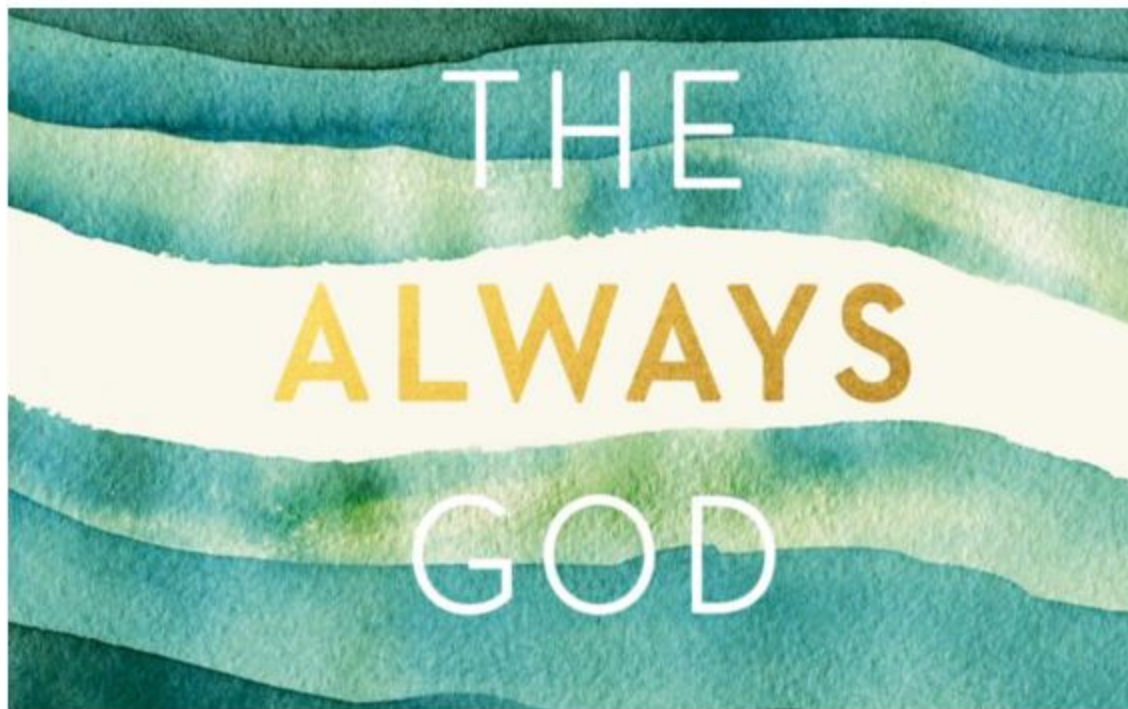




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UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
*Stand in body or in spirit

Prelude *We Three Kings of Orient* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: We come with open hearts, ready to hear God's voice.

People: The Lord speaks to us still.

Pastor: Let us attune our ears to the whispers of the Divine.

**People: We come to worship, to listen,
and to respond to the God who calls us by name.**

***Hymn** *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* UMH 247

***Opening Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Always Speaking God,

we thank You for the many ways that You speak to us each day:
through the whispers of our hearts, the beauty of creation,
the laughter of children, the advice of a friend,
the wisdom of Your Word.

Open our ears to hear Your voice amidst the noise of the world,
and our hearts to receive the revelations You have for us.

May we experience moments of epiphany—
those divine insights that illuminate our paths and deepen our faith.
May we know that You are always speaking,
always revealing, always with us. AMEN.

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

Prayers of People Sarah Chambers

Offering *Led By a Child* Franconia Musica

***Doxology** UMH 95

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Old Testament Reading Exodus 3: 1-5; Isaiah 60: 1-6 Sandy Ross

Message	<i>Always Speaking</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Invitation to Communion		Sarah Chambers
Prayer of Confession		See Screen
Assurance and Pardon		See Screen
The Great Thanksgiving	UMH 13	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<p>The Lord's Prayer 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>		
Breaking of the Bread		
Giving the Bread and Cup		
Music During Communion	<i>O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread</i>	UMH 613
<p>Prayer Following Communion 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>		
*Hymn	<i>Arise, Shine Out, Your Light Has Come</i>	UMH 725
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Postlude	<u>Good Christian Friends Rejoice</u>	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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