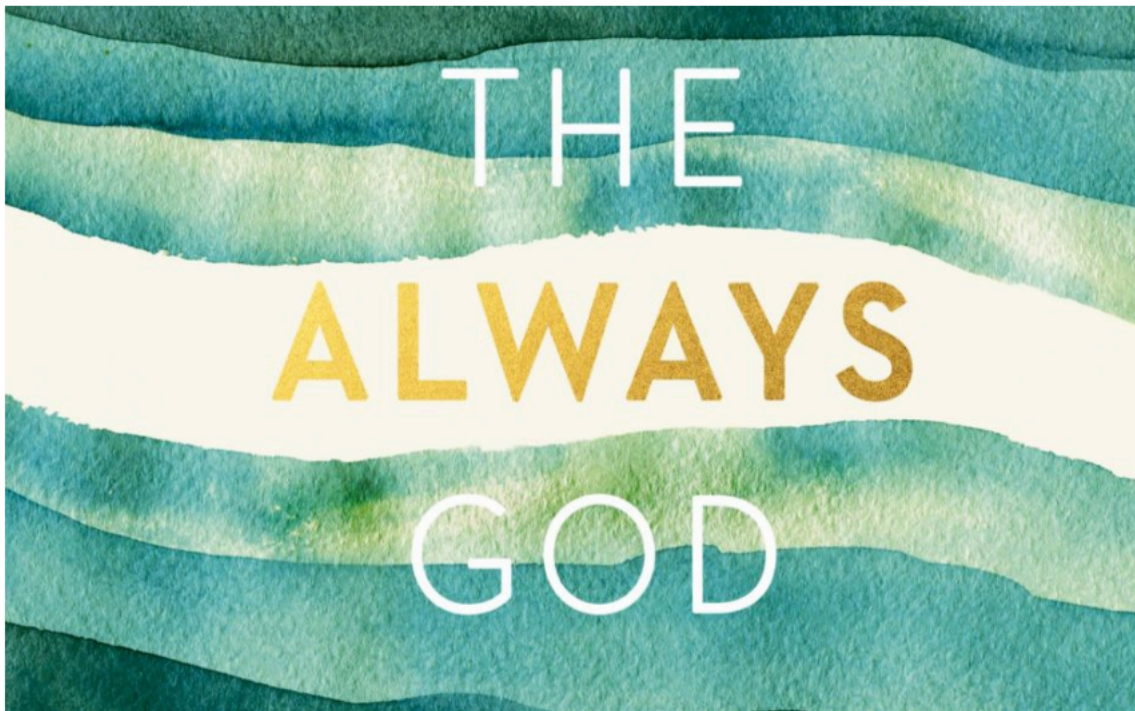




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UMH – United Methodist Hymnal  
\*Stand in body or in spirit

**Prelude** *Come Worship the Lord* June and Bob Shuffett

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

**\*Call to Worship**

Pastor: We gather in the presence of the One who sees us, knows us,  
and cares for us deeply.

**People: We come with open hearts, ready to receive God's love and grace.**

Pastor: Let us lift our voices in praise,  
for we are cherished and valued in God's sight.

**People: We come to worship the God who sees us and calls us beloved.**

**\*Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision* UMH 451

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

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: Always Seeing God,**

**We come before You with grateful hearts,  
acknowledging Your infinite love and care for each one of us.  
Thank You for seeing us as we truly are—  
Your beloved children, unique and cherished in Your sight.  
In moments of doubt and uncertainty,  
remind us that You know our hearts, our struggles, and our joys.  
May we find comfort in the knowledge  
that You are always seeing,  
always caring, always with 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.**

<b>Offering</b>	<i>My Lord, What a Morning</i>	Amy McCarthy
<b>*Doxology</b>		<u>UMH 95</u>
<b>*Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>		
<b>Old Testament Reading</b>	Psalm 33: 13-15	Jordan Biscardo
<b>New Testament Reading</b>	I Peter 5: 6-11	Jordan Biscardo
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	Luke 3: 21-22	Jordan Biscardo
<b>Message</b>	<i>Always Seeing</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Litany of Baptism Renewal</b>		See Screen
<b>Reflection</b>	<i>From the Waters I will Rise</i>	Jordan Biscardo Amy McCarthy
<i>(You are invited to come forward during the song to remember your baptism)</i>		
Pastor: Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.		
<b>People: We give thanks for all God has already given us.</b>		
<b>As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.</b>		
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	UMH 140
<b>*Benediction</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	June <u>Shuffett</u>



*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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