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UMH – United Methodist Hymnal  
TFWS - The Faith We Sing  
\*Stand in body or in spirit

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Come, Worship the Lord</i>	Chancel Choir
<b>Welcome/Announcements</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>*Call to Worship</b>		
Pastor: We come to worship the One who shapes and reshapes us, just as the potter molds the clay.		
<b>People: We come with open hearts, ready to be transformed by the touch of our Creator.</b>		
Pastor: Our hearts and lives are held in the Potter's hands.		
<b>People: God restores us and makes us whole.</b>		
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven</i>	UMH 66
<b>*Opening Prayer</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Pastor: Let us pray.		
<b>People: Always Restoring God, mold and shape our lives with Your love and grace. Like clay in the potter's hand, fashion our hearts so that we may become more like Jesus. Form us into vessels that reflect Your love and mercy to the world around us. AMEN.</b>		
<b>Children's Moment</b>		Linda Biscardo
<b>Volunteer Recognition</b>		
<b>Prayers of People</b>		Sarah Chambers
<b>Offering</b>	<i>Be Still, My Soul</i>	Chancel Choir
<b>*Doxology</b>		UMH 95
<b>*Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>		
<b>Old Testament Reading</b>	Jeremiah 18: 1-6	Rachael Kahelin

<b>Message</b>	<i>Always Restoring</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, 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.</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>	UMH 620
<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>*Hymn</b>	<i>Change My Heart, O God</i>	TFWS 2152
<b>*Benediction</b>		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Have Thine Own Way, Lord</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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