

The Federated Church

United Church of Christ † Unitarian Universalist Association



EPIPHANY

**A SEASON OF
ILLUMINATION & TRANSFIGURATION**

February 20, 2022 | 10:00

Order of Worship

All music is from the **black New Century Hymnal** in your pew back, unless noted otherwise

Prelude

Welcome & Passing the Peace

Gathering Hymn “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” (p.3)

Centering Moment

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.” ~ Luke 6:21

What is it for which you hunger—physically, spiritually, or emotionally? What is the space of lack, of scarcity, of longing within you that needs to receive God’s blessing?

Silent Prayer & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sung Response “Blest Are They” vv. 1 & 2 (p.4)

Scripture [Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 6:17-26](#)

Sermon “Blessed Are: All the Wrong People”

Musical Meditation

Our Shared Life & Offering

Announcements

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that Love has done.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

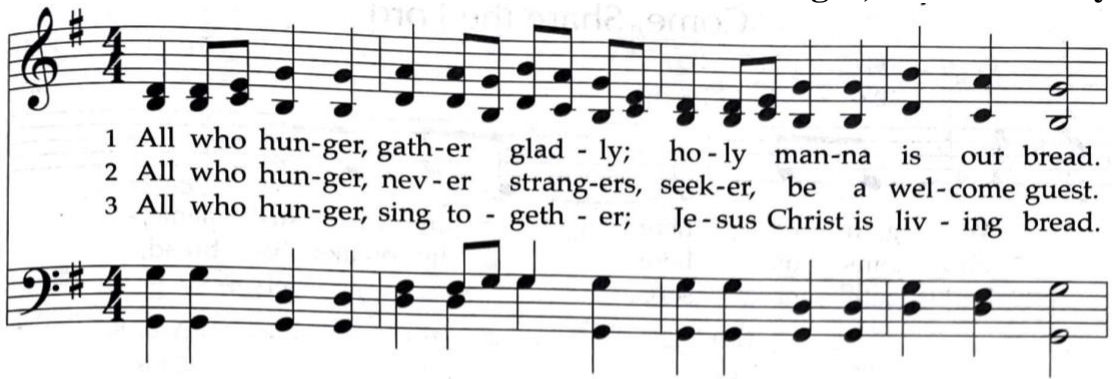
Sending Hymn #575 “O for a World” (p.5)

Benediction

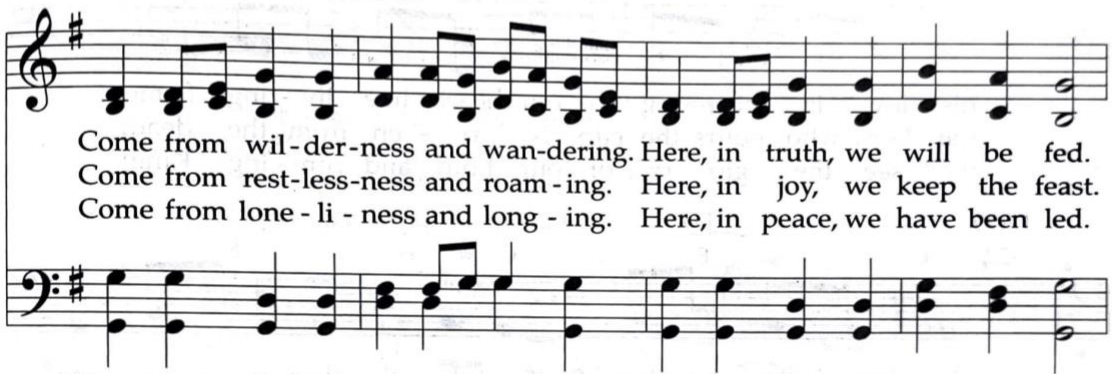
Postlude

While the postlude plays, ushers will release you one row at a time, beginning in the back

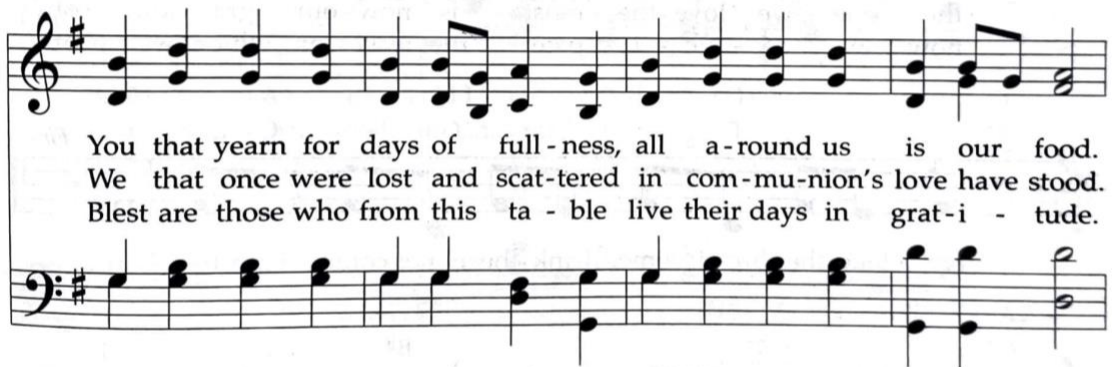
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel - come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - der - ing. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Blest Are They

Leader or All

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

Refrain

All C D7 G D Em G C G

Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am A D C D7 Em Em7

ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

C Dsus D C G

Yours is the king - dom of God!

This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), the opening portion of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20-23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God's ways.

O For A World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839

WORSHIP NOTES

Those serving us this morning are:

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Ogi | **Ministers:** All of us! | **Director of Music:** Gary Mattin
Ushers: Nate & Pam Kitterman, Linda Mason, and Allison Stahl — *Ushers scheduled for next Sunday, Feb. 27th: Paula von Ende, Skip & Bev Schramer*

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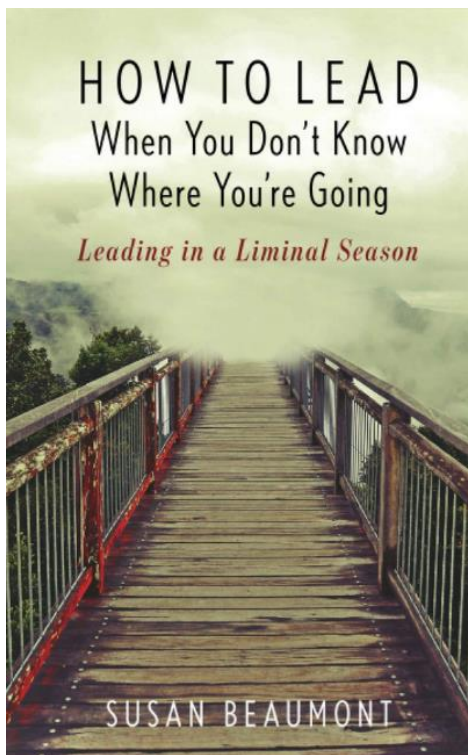
***YOU* ARE WELCOME HERE!**

Federated Church is an Open & Affirming Community: This means that in a time of deep division and vitriolic rhetoric around issues of race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality; a time when the dignity of people living with disabilities or mental health issues are often ignored, demonized, or turned into a joke, we promise to:

Welcome all people of every age, gender, race, national origin, faith expression, marital status & family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, physical ability, mental or emotional condition, economic and social status, and educational background to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings, and joys of our church family.

The Rainbow Flag: We proudly display a rainbow flag at the front of our sanctuary as a visual declaration of God’s extravagant and inclusive love, as well as of our own “promise of welcome” to all people. Our prayer is that all can be their truest selves here. This flag serves as a particular signal that our church is a safe and affirming space for LGBTQ+ people to be, to belong, to lead, to question, and to grow in faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ALL-CHURCH Retreat

Led by Rev. Hank Fairman,
Senior Pastor, St. John UCC, Freeport IL

Saturday, February 26th
10am-2pm

**** in-person & via Zoom ****

*Coffee, snacks, and a
light lunch provided*

"We have to allow ourselves to be drawn out of "business as usual" and remain patiently on the 'threshold' where we are between the familiar and the completely unknown. ... All transformation takes place here... This is the sacred space where our old world is able to fall apart, and a bigger world is revealed." - Richard Rohr

[Click Here to Sign Up!](#)

Introducing our All-Church Retreat Leader: Rev. Hank Fairman



Pastor Hank serves as the Senior Pastor at St. John UCC, Freeport, IL. He is in his sixth year in ministry with the congregation, after previously serving United Church of Christ congregations in Illinois, Michigan, and Virginia as well as spending many years with the Ohio Conference UCC Outdoor Ministries.

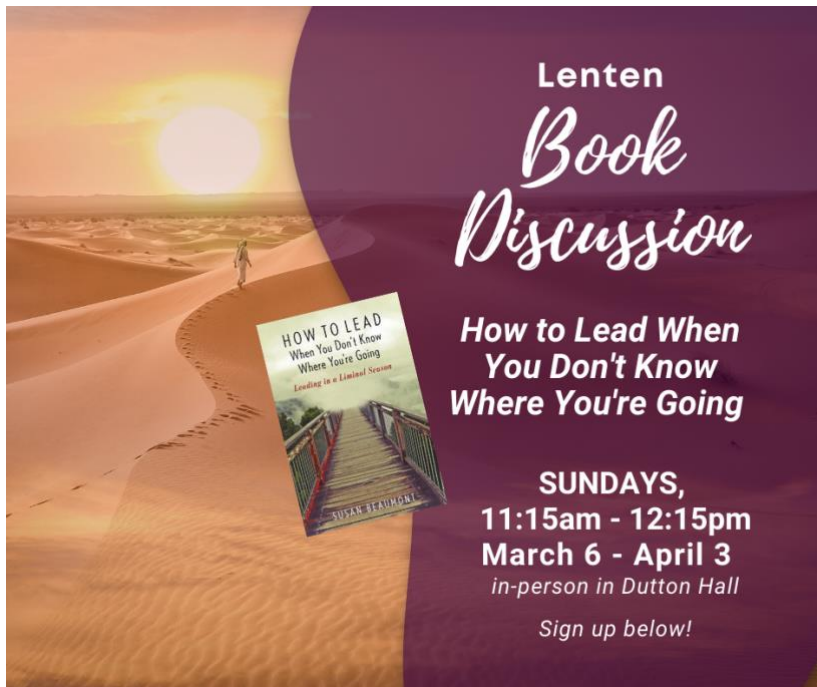
Pastor Hank has had regular involvement with the wider church in local, regional and national settings of the UCC. He is a member of the Prairie Association Council and Illinois Conference Board of Directors, serving as the Chair of the Justice and Witness Committee.

Hank has a passion for agile ministry and good governance. He was involved in creating Safe Church Policies for local churches and conferences, and he is a certified Mediator through the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. He has been involved in governance and ministry restructuring at the association and conference levels of the UCC. Hank has consulted with many local congregations on their ministry models, faith formation, and governance renewal projects.

Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, March 2nd, 7pm

Join us for a contemplative evening service with ashes as we reflect on what it means to be mortal and made of the earth, as we begin our Lenten journey toward Holy Week and Easter. The service will be in-person and streamed via Facebook Live. Those in the sanctuary will be invited to receive ashes in the sign of the cross.

Lenten Small Groups

A graphic for a Lenten Book Discussion. The background is a desert landscape with sand dunes and a large sun. A person is walking on a path that leads to a wooden bridge. The text is overlaid on a dark purple shape. The title 'Lenten Book Discussion' is in white, with 'Book Discussion' in a larger, cursive font. Below it, the book title 'How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going' is written in white. The author's name 'SUSAN BEAUMONT' is visible at the bottom of the book cover. The dates and times are listed in white: 'SUNDAYS, 11:15am - 12:15pm March 6 - April 3'. The location is 'in-person in Dutton Hall'. A call to action 'Sign up below!' is at the bottom.

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Book
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Sign up below!

Richard Rohr reminds us that all transformation takes place when we are in between the familiar and the completely unknown. Scripture often illustrates this experience as being in "the wilderness" or in a "deserted place."

When "things fall apart" in life, when how we've always operated or understood God and faith is no longer working, we can feel disoriented or stuck—like we're in a wilderness. Like those in

scripture, we often try to run away from such places—and yet, like them, God leads us back.

Led by Pastor Eric, in this small group, we'll reflect on how we can navigate "wilderness journeys"—our own, and as a church—without simply wishing to "return to normal" or wait things out, but rather, how we can open ourselves during these journeys to God's transforming spirit so that we may be made new.

[**Click Here to Sign Up!**](#)

*** another Lenten small group opportunity will be shared next week! ***

Prayer List — Included in our Weekly E-news, this is made through updates shared with the church office. To add or remove a prayer request, please contact Laura. Let us know what information you'd like shared, including service information (e.g. a funeral or celebration of life). If you're looking for information, what we've received to share will be included there. Additionally, if someone immediately connected to our congregation has died, you will be notified as soon as we have this information. Illnesses and the deaths of extended family and friends will be shared in the next Weekly E-news / Prayer List.

“Welcoming Any, Loving All”

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