

The Federated Church

United Church of Christ † Unitarian Universalist Association



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022 | 10:00am

Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome & Passing the Peace

We invite you to remain in your pew and share a sign of God's peace with others

Gathering Hymn #423 "Great is Your Faithfulness"

Centering Moment

Divine Breath: Each genesis daunts us;
Each sunrise rekindles us.
We cross thresholds into young stories.
One step brings hope, the other shouts doubt.
O God, midwife us into our beginnings.
We long for familiarities;
We recognize possibilities.
Rowing between tides of transformation and resistance.
O God, midwife us into our beginnings.
Our roots stretch tender into this new soil;
This unknown country will reveal itself one heartbeat at a time.
O God, midwife us in all our beginnings.

What is the new beginning God is calling you into? With what do you need to trust God?

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 #286 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" *refrain + verse 4*

Scripture Matthew 13:1-18

Sermon "How's Your Soil?"

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 #292 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Benediction

Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Serving us this morning are:

Director of Music: Gary Mattin | **Liturgist:** Brian Oster | **Ministers:** All of us!

Ushers: *Paula von Ende and Skip & Beverly Schramer. Those scheduled to usher next Sunday, May 29, are: Tony & Alice Whitney, Skip & Bev Schramer*

All hymns this morning come from *The New Century Hymnal* unless noted otherwise, and are used with permission: *CCLI License #3234671*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Love Offering is going to benefit the *Spartan Food Pantry*. If you'd like to contribute, Love Offering envelopes can be found in the back of the sanctuary.

Great is Your Faithfulness



1 Great is your faith-ful-ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,



with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.



You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

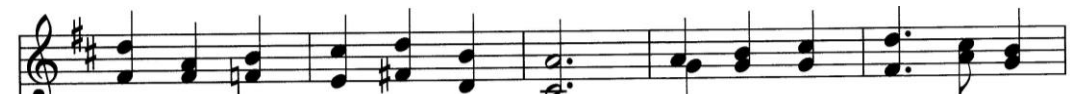


all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

Refrain



Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed your



hand has pro - vid - ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un - to me!

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

D G A Dsus4 D



Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the
wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,
Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from
plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient
schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the
cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom-en see vi - sions, our
men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -
sions your peo-ple a - rise.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Breathe on Me, Breath of God'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one de - sire:
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.
Un - til with you I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
That ev - ery earth - ly part of me may glow with ho - ly fire.
But live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

Between parish assignments in London, Edwin Hatch taught classics at Trinity College, Quebec, and lectured at Oxford. This hymn appeared in a leaflet, "Between Doubt and Prayer" (1878). Other hymns were published posthumously in Towards Fields of Light, London (1890).

Tune: TRENTHAM S.M.
Robert Jackson, 1894

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

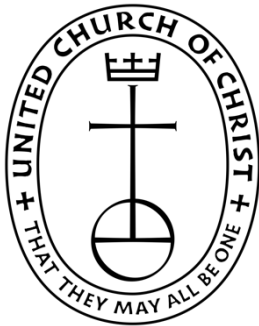
Federated Church is an Open & Affirming Community. In a time of deep division and vitriolic rhetoric around issues of race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality, and where the dignity of people living with disabilities or mental health issues are often ignored, demonized, or turned into a joke, we promise 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 persons to be, to belong, to lead, to question, and to grow in faith.

“Welcoming Any, Loving All”

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