

The Federated Church

United Church of Christ † Unitarian Universalist Association



Finding God in
'Ordinary Time'

A SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Order of Worship | August 14, 2022 | 10:00am

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Prelude

Welcome & *Passing the Peace

We invite you to join us by liking and commenting on our livestream.

***Gathering Hymn #28** “For the Beauty of the Earth” (p. 4)

Centering Moment

“People think the sabbath is antiquated; I think it will save us from ourselves... Rest is not the reward of our liberation, nor something we lay hold of once we are free. It is the path that delivers us there...” ~ Cole Arthur Riley, *This Here Flesh*

Silent Prayer & Reflection

What needs reorienting in your life for you to be able to move toward renewal? To what are you giving too much or not enough mental, emotional, spiritual, or physical time? What is one step you can take?

Breath Prayer

Inhale: “Be still, my soul.” | Exhale: “In this quiet, I am renewed.”

Inhale: “There is wisdom in this pause.” | “I am free to rest.”

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 “Take My Life” vv. 1 & 2 (p. 5)

Scripture [Deuteronomy 5:1-6, 12-14; Mark 2:23-28, 8:1-21](#)

Sermon “Sabbath: Reorienting a Disordered World”

Musical Meditation

Our Shared Life

Offering Opportunities

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.

Prayers of the People & Prayer of Dedication

***Sending Hymn** “You are Salt for the Earth, O People” (p. 6)

Benediction

Postlude

*While the postlude plays, we invite you to join us in Dutton Hall for Coffee Hour.
Masks are optional in Dutton Halll.*

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WORSHIP NOTES

Serving us this morning are:

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Ogi | **Director of Music:** Gary Mattin | **Liturgist:** Brian Oster

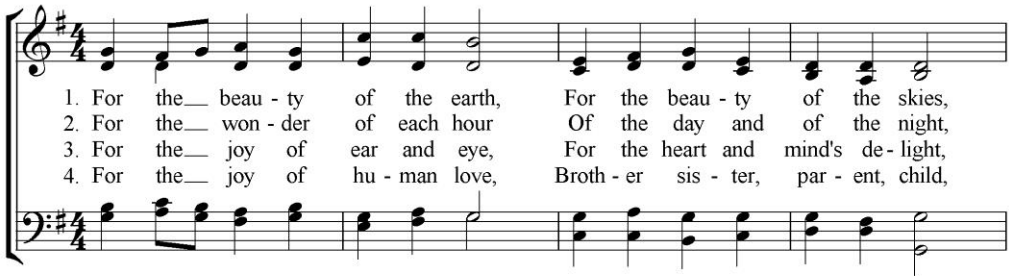
Ministers: All of us! | **Ushers:** Roger Jacobson, Gip Seaver, Judy Winter, Ruth Olle

Ushering next Sunday, August 21: Nate & Pam Kitterman, Linda Mason

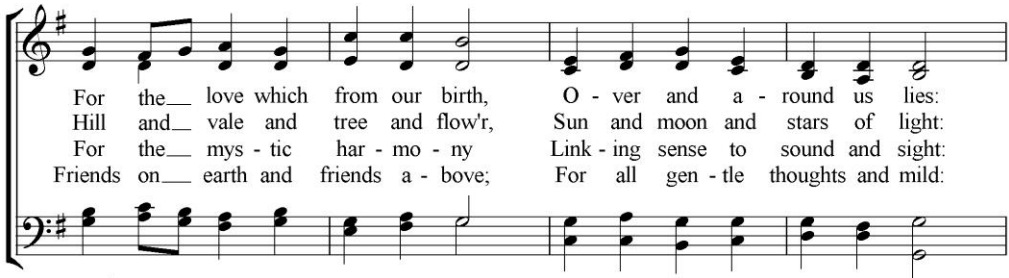
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The quotes used in the Centering Moment come from *This Here Flesh* by Cole Arthur Riley. The Breath Prayer also comes from Cole Arthur Riley, via @BlackLiturgies. For more, follow @Black Liturgies on Instagram or @ColeArthurRiley on Facebook.

“For the Beauty of the Earth”



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the beau - ty of the skies,
2. For the won - der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de - light,
4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er sis - ter, par - ent, child,



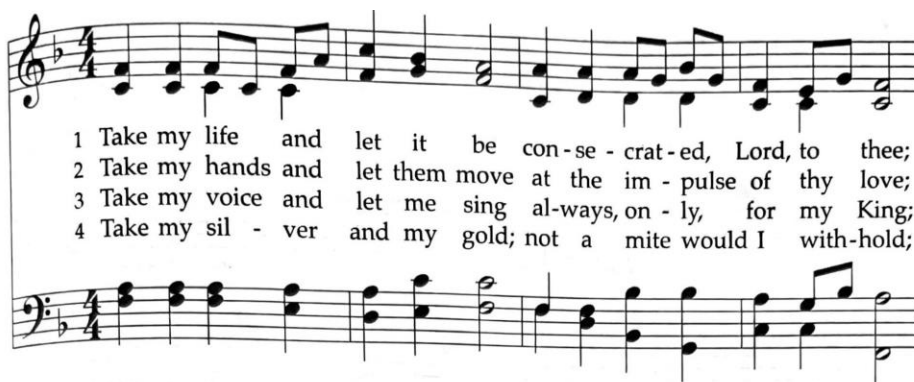
For the love which from our birth, O - ver and a - round us lies:
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon and stars of light:
For the mys - tic har - mo - ny Link - ing sense to sound and sight:
Friends on earth and friends a - bove; For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:

Refrain



God of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

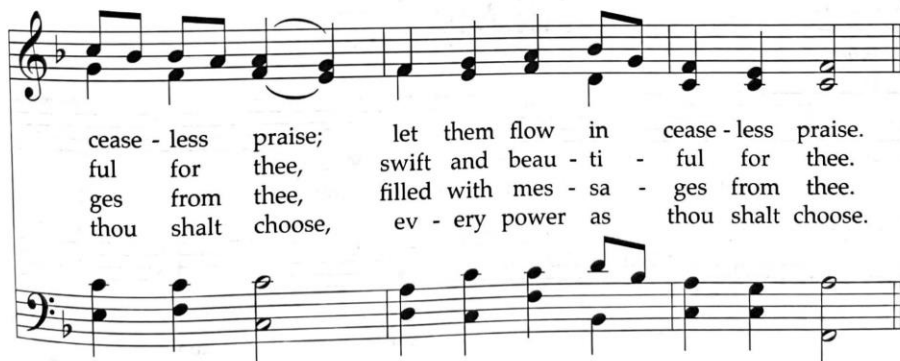
“Take My Life”



1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

“You are Salt for the Earth, O People”

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1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
 4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!

G D/F# A7 D G D A7 D

Share the fla- vor of life, O peo- ple: life in the Cit-y of God!
 Shine so ho- ly and bright, O peo- ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
 Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus- tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!
 Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!

Refrain
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Bring forth the reign of mer-cy, bring forth the reign of peace;

G D/F# A7 D G D/F# A7 D

Bring forth the reign of jus- tice, bring forth the Cit- y of God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will recycle & reuse these shell covers over the coming weeks. Please place them in the basket at the bottom of the stairs on your way out. Thanks!

Volunteer Opportunity: Meals on Wheels

Federated Church partners with the Voluntary Action Center every April and September to provide meal delivery drivers for those who are elderly, disabled, or homebound as part of their “Meals of Wheels” program. Sign-up on the calendars in Dutton Hall — Please be sure to include your name and phone number. Contact Sharon Hollister with any questions at (815) 761-7759 or shollister@niu.edu. See below for more info on VAC.

Join our Rally Day Planning Team

For those unfamiliar with the “Rally Day” tradition, Rally Day is a day of worship, food, fellowship, and fun that marks the kick-off of a new program year as we return from our various summer adventures.

This year’s Rally Day will be on Sunday, September 11 and, like last year, it will take place in glorious outdoors of church members Dave & Suzanne Juday's back yard. But first, we need a team to envision the day: what to include for food and fun, and to plan logistics. **Sign up in Dutton Hall or via the weekly e-news to join the team!**

August Love Offering

The Love Offering for August will benefit VAC (Voluntary Action Center). VAC provides many important nutritional services to seniors and others in our community. The Federated Church has been a long-time supporter of VAC.

VAC services include:

- Meals on Wheels provides hot nutritional meals at home to the elderly, disabled, and homebound.
- Provides lunches for community daycare providers.
- MedVAC provides rides to DeKalb County medical appointments, hospitals, and testing services.
- The Senior Lunch Program in DeKalb, Taylor St. Plaza and Fox Valley Older Adults in Sandwich provides nutritious lunches and an opportunity to visit with other seniors.
- Premier Meals Catering offers catering services for any event. Let us cater your next event and in return, you’ll be helping provide nutritious meals to the homebound. 100% of all profits from Premier Meals Catering support Meals on Wheels, providing nutritious meals to the homebound in our community for over 20 years.

***YOU* ARE WELCOME HERE!**

A warm WELCOME to those visiting or checking out Federated Church!

We're glad you're here! Are you looking for more information about who we are, what we do, or how to get involved? Would you like to meet with Pastor Eric or get connected to others? In the book rack on the back of the pew toward the center aisle, you will find a green or red "pew pad" with a yellow bookmark-sized "Connection Card" inside. Fill it out and place it in the offering plate as they are passed around during the "Offertory," and we will be in touch with you soon!

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.

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OUR FEDERATED VALUES

We believe in God

At the center of our faith is the surprising, unsettling, and deeply personal God found in the Bible, most profoundly revealed in the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus. At Federated, our primary interest is not merely talking *about* God, but in *encountering* the Mysterious Force at the heart of the universe. This is a God who comforts us where we need to be comforted and challenges us where we've become complacent. This is a God who will not be confined to dogmatic teachings, nor even to the Bible. We believe that we are invited to encounter this God everywhere: in nature, science, one another, and in other religious traditions as well.

Each person is on a unique spiritual journey

We value faith as a journey rather than a destination. We recognize that each person is at a different place on their journey, so we focus on “testimonies” of faith rather than “tests” of faith; stories of how we are being transformed, rather than dogmas we must affirm. Here, you are welcome to belong, question, explore, and lead whether you grew up in church and loved it, or you've had a painful relationship with Christianity; you are welcome whether you feel your faith is unshakeable or you're not sure if you believe in God at all. You are welcome to join a community of people “on the way”: encouraging and caring for one another, learning and growing together, and serving alongside each other as we build, in some small way, the world we believe God dreams of.

Building authentic community across our differences

We are an “Open and Affirming” congregation, which is our way of saying that we value diversity. In a time of deep division, we believe it is paramount to gather people from a variety of backgrounds, experiences, and identities in order to build authentic relationships and community. We believe that the simple but courageous work of showing up and being together in this way is one necessary element in healing our nation and world's deep divisions.

We believe in peace through justice

In this congregation, conversations regarding racism, sexism, poverty, war, immigration, homophobia, hunger, abuse, and a host of other issues are commonplace, both from the pulpit and around the table. We know that the Realm of God is not being experienced on earth so long as people are being hurt. With Martin Luther King Jr., we believe that we are all “caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny,” and that “none of us can be free until all are free.” Which means that, as a community, we have a God-given responsibility and mission to work for justice and healing in our neighborhood and beyond. Jesus says: “I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). This work is defined not merely by what we are against, but the vision we are for—flourishing for *all!*

“Welcoming Any, Loving All”

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the United Church of Christ & the Unitarian Universalist Association*



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