

The Federated Church

United Church of Christ † Unitarian Universalist Association

"write
the vision.
make it plain!"

Habakkuk 2:2



RALLY DAY 2022

***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.

Order of Worship | September 11, 2022 | 10:00am

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

* indicates those places where you are invited to rise in body or spirit

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

***Passing the Peace**

***Gathering Song** “All are Welcome” (p.5)

Centering Moment

*“Ground and Source of all that is, one that anchors all our roots,
Being of all ways and forms, deepest home and final truth:
We live and move in you. We live and move in you.”*

~ Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan

What have you been anchored in lately?

What do you long to be more deeply anchored in in this season of your life?

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 “Ground and Source of All that Is” vv. 1, 2, 5 (p.6)

Scripture [Matthew 25:31-26:2; Romans 12:1-21; Revelation 21:1-5](#)

Sermon “Write the Vision and Run With It!”

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.

Prayer of Dedication

***Sending Hymn** “Will You Come and Follow Me?” (p.6)

Benediction

Postlude

While the postlude plays, we invite you to join us in Dutton Hall for lunch, fellowship & games

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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, September 18: Nate Kitterman, Pam Kitterman, & Linda Mason

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

September Love Offering: CROP Hunger Walk

The September Love Offering will support CROP Walk. Envelopes are available at the back of the sanctuary. For checks, please write CROP Walk in the memo section.

The Sondra King Memorial CROP Hunger Walk is October 2 and steps off from The Federated Church of Sycamore at 2 pm. It is sponsored by Church World Service to end hunger here and around the world. The DeKalb County goal is to raise \$20,000 of which 75% will be used to fight global hunger and 25% of the donations will go to DeKalb County Community Gardens (DCCG).

“All Are Welcome”



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly live, a
2. Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and true, where
3. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and stone to
4. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions heard and



place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give.
 all God's chil - dren dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new.
 heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
 loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as words with - in the Word.



Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
 Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym bol of God's grace:
 Here the out cast and the strang - er bear the im age of God's face;
 Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,



All are wel - come, wel - come in this place, all in - vit - ed to



come and know God's grace, all are wel - come, the love of Christ to feel, 'cause



all of us are wel - come here, all are wel - come in this place.

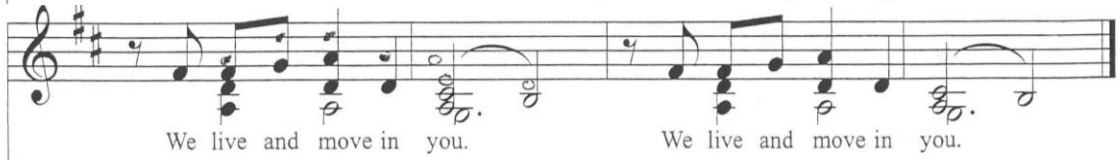
“Ground and Source of All that Is”



Ground and source of all that is, one that an - chors all our roots,
 Lov - er of ten thou - sand names, ho - ly pres - ence all have known,
 Call to kind - ness, call to serve, free - dom for our chos - en course,



Be - ing of all ways and forms, deep - est home and fi - nal truth.
 Beau - ty ev - er wel - com - ing, my - ster - y to stir the soul.
 Guide and friend for all who dream, nour - ished by our ground and source.



We live and move in you. We live and move in you.

“Will You Come and Follow Me?”



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 3. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
 4. God, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, — will you let my name be known, —
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare — should your life at - tract or scare? —
 Will you use the faith you've found — to re - shape the world a - round, —
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go — where your love and foot - steps show. —



— will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 — Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 — through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 — Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

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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