

The Federated Church

United Church of Christ † Unitarian Universalist Association

FROM
BREAD
AND
CUP
TO
FAITH
AND
GIVING



Stewardship 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 | November 6, 2022
All Saints' Remembrance | **Pledge Dedication Sunday**

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

* indicates moments in the service where you are invited to stand or rise in spirit

Prelude

Welcome & Passing the Peace

We invite you to say "hi" in the comments and like the video to let us know you're here.

Gathering Song "We Are Not Our Own" vv. 1-2, 4-6 (p. 5)

Remembering the Saints

"To acknowledge our ancestors means we are aware that we did not make ourselves, that the line stretches all the way back, perhaps to God... We remember them because it is an easy thing to forget: that we are not the first to suffer, rebel, fight, love, and die. The grace with which we embrace life, in spite of the pain, the sorrow, is always the measure of what has gone before." ~ Alice Walker

Invitation

Candle-lighting Vigil

John S. Wagener
04/26/1944 – 01/19/2022

Dan Heckman
10/11/1947 – 07/21/2022

Warren Wood
07/18/1949 – 12/15/2020

John McKee
08/23/1918 – 05/22/1997

Eleanor McKee
03/08/1928 – 02/08/2022

Ernest Jones
08/02/1937 – 11/23/2012

John Brady McCue
05/31/1950 – 12/17/2021

Frank Moore
09/30/1925 – 01/10/2015

Phyllis Moore
10/11/1924 – 07/30/2019

Bonnie Nelson
09/28/1930 – 09/18/2022

Donna Jean Winston
10/26/1958 – 09/15/2022

Eleanor Dees
11/13/1934 – 11/15/2021

Special Music

"Recollection of Joy"

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 For All the Saints vv. 1 & 2 (p. 6)

Scripture [Isaiah 25:1, 4-10](#); [Ephesians 3:14-21](#); [Luke 19:1-10](#)

Sermon “Living as Ancestors”

Musical Meditation

Holy Communion

Invitation & Sung Response “*We Are Not Our Own*” vv. 3 (p. 5)

Words of Institution

Sharing Bread & Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Dedicating our Pledges

Blessing God, we give thanks for your invitation to join you in blessing the world. With these pledges, we express our belief that another world is possible, and our commitment to working together with you to make it a reality. Strengthen and lead us on the journey ahead. Amen.

Sending Hymn “*For All the Saints*” vv. 3-5 (p.6)

Benediction

Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Serving us this morning are:

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Ogi | **Director of Music:** Gary Mattin | **Liturgist:** Sharon McKee

Ministers: All of us! | **Ushers:** *Dave Wood, Pam Wagener, Chris Borresen*

Ushering next Sunday, Nov. 13: Roger Jacobson, Gip Seaver, Judy Winter, Ruth Olle.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

November Love Offering to Benefit Hope Haven, the area homeless shelter located in DeKalb. When Lesly Wicks, Director of Hope Haven, was asked what Hope Haven could use, she replied, “This may not seem like an important item, but it would be nice to have something for our residents to sit on outside. Maybe a nice picnic table or outdoor chairs?” So that’s **our goal: to raise \$500 to purchase a picnic table** for the Hope Haven outdoor play area, which will be delivered in the spring. *Envelopes are available at the back of the sanctuary.* Donations of any amount are welcome—this is a great opportunity to talk to your kids/grandkids about generosity and loving our neighbor!

Federated Church 101, Sun. 11/27, following worship

So... you've started worshipping with us, receiving the newsletter, and maybe even had coffee with Pastor Eric. But we're guessing you still have questions. Or maybe you're trying to find ways to connect, serve, or further explore your faith.

If this sounds like you, then we invite you to “Federated 101”—a chance to gather around a table for a conversation with Pastor Eric and others in the same boat to learn a bit more about who we are, to finally ask that question you’ve had, and to connect with others. *Don't miss out, these conversations only happen a couple times a year!*

Belonging & Membership Informational Gathering, Sun. 12/11, following worship

This gathering is for those who’ve been getting connected and want to take the next step in making Federated “their church;” who are ready to shift from participating in what we do to taking an active role in shaping who we are becoming and what’s next for us!

We realize that different churches approach “membership” differently. For us, it’s also very different than membership in other social clubs & organizations. This gathering is a space for you to learn more about how decisions are made at Federated, what leadership looks like (and how these are similar to / different from other churches), as well as a chance to ask your honest questions—like: Why does membership even matter?

Covid Response—As part of living into our values of creating a space that is safe and accessible, we’ve installed UV-C lights in our HVAC system, which kills covid and other viruses before blowing the clean air back into the room.

Missed a Sermon? Last Sunday’s sermon is available by Tue each week to watch on our website (www.fedsycamore.org/sermons) or to listen to via our new Spotify podcast channel (scan QR code)!



▶ scan to listen in Spotify

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Featured Ministry Partner



Frankie DiCiaccio is an actor, theatre-maker, and arts educator. Frankie splits their time between DeKalb and New York City. Locally, Frankie is the Operations Manager of Barb Food Mart, a food pantry serving families of the DeKalb School District, and founder of the Queer-Oriented Rural Resource Network (QORRN.com).

The Queer-Oriented Rural Resource Network (QORRN) is dedicated to helping LGBTQ+ individuals in rural communities access the resources & services they need.

In April 2019, the Movement Advancement Project (in partnership with the Equality Federation, National Center for Lesbian Rights, and the National Black Justice Coalition) published a report called "Where We Call Home: LGBT People in Rural America". They found that between 2.9 and 3.8 million people living in rural America are LGBT and that they face higher rates of discrimination due to "the social and political landscape of rural areas."

One particularly telling line from the report summary reads: *"...the greater social and geographic isolation of rural areas means there are fewer support structures available to LGBT people in rural areas. When LGBT people in rural areas face discrimination, or even simply are struggling with acceptance or coming out, there are fewer places to turn for social support, legal support, or even just basic information."*

Later in 2019, QORRN was founded to help point people to the resources available to them at the local, statewide, and inter/national levels through:

- **Resource Mapping.** Our volunteers look for LGBTQ+ Focused and LGBTQ+ Friendly resources in rural areas. We publish details about the providers we find, including addresses and phone numbers, mission statements, and other pertinent information.
- **Community Engagement.** We collaborate with other DeKalb, IL groups and non-profits to offer community events that celebrate Queer life in Northern Illinois.
- **Education and Outreach.** QORRN founder Frankie DiCiaccio shares insights from QORRN's work in the form of interviews, presentations, peer-groups, and op-ed publications.

“We Are Not Our Own”

1 We are not our own. Earth forms us, hu-man leaves on na-ture's grow-ing
2 We are not a-lone. Earth names us: past and pres-ent, peo-ples near and
3 Through a hu-man life God finds us; dy-ing, liv-ing, love is ful-ly
4 There-fore let us make thanks-giv-ing, and with jus-tice, will-ing and a-
5 And if love's en-coun-ters lead us on a way un-cer-tain and un-
6 Let us be a house of wel-come. liv-ing stone up-hold-ing liv-ing

vine, Fruit of man-y gen-er-a-tions, seeds of life di-vine.
far, fam-i-ly and friends and strang-ers show us who we are.
known, and in bread and wine re-minds us: we are not our own.
ware, give to earth, and all things liv-ing, lit-ur-gies of care.
known All the saints with prayer sur-round us: we are not our own.
stone. Glad-ly show-ing all our neigh-bors we are not our own.

“For All the Saints”

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the
 2 You were their rock, their refuge, and their might; you, Christ, the
 3 Still may your people, faith-ful, true, and bold, live as the
 4 Ringed by this cloud of wit-ness-es di-vine, we fee-bly
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the

world their stead-fast faith con-fessed, your name, O Je-sus,
 hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you
 saints who no-bly fought of old, and share with them a
 strug-gle, they in glo-ry shine; yet in your love our
 ear the dis-tant tri-umph song, then hearts are brave a-

be for-ev-er blessed.
 were their one true light.
 glo-rious crown of gold. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 faith-ful lives en-twine.
 gain, and faith grows strong.

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The Sacrament of Giving - A Prayer

Rev. Dave Long-Higgins

Conference Minister
Heartland Conference, UCC

Generous God,
Form in me a feasting Spirit,
Broadening every daily table
Fashioning a holy communion
With You and the world
Radiating gracious generosity
Replacing every breakdown
With a breaking open
To Your deep abundance.

Yes, Love,
Multiply your gift in me
For sharing with others
That the delight and joy
You yearn for everyone
May rise into fullness.

Let every morsel and drop
Awaken in me a prayer
Grounding and consecrating
A sacrament of self-giving
Forming my life as a sign
Made real in simple acts
Strengthening the world
Of others unknown to me
But made close by You
Who joins everyone
And everything in eternal
Mysteries often hidden
Except as bread shared
Makes us visibly one.

Let no illusions of scarcity
Tempt me to smallness of vision
Narrowness of thinking
Shrinking of spirit
Coldness of heart
Or paralysis of action

Instead help me trust
Your power to multiply
My best gift for Your vision
Of a beloved community
Well-fed and flourishing
Rising up in resurrections
Forming a frequent dance
Of delight at Your amazing
Way of renewing the world.

Yes, Love,
Let this Holy motion of You
Made known in Jesus Christ
Be formed in me,
And let it be
More than enough



CONSIDER YOUR PLEDGE AS A PERCENT OF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME.

Annual Income	Monthly Income	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
20,000	1,667	33	50	67	83	167
25,000	2,083	42	63	83	104	208
30,000	2,500	50	75	100	125	250
35,000	2,917	58	88	117	146	292
40,000	3,333	67	100	133	167	333
45,000	3,750	75	113	150	188	375
50,000	4,167	83	125	167	208	417
60,000	5,000	100	150	200	250	500
75,000	6,250	125	188	250	313	625
100,000	8,333	167	250	333	417	833
125,000	10,417	208	313	417	521	1042
150,000	12,500	250	375	500	625	1250
200,000	16,667	333	500	667	833	1667

On average, Americans give 2% of their income to charity. Giving even 1% more of annual income to charity would be transformative for our congregation and other organizations doing good in our community.

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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