

The Federated Church

United Church of Christ + Unitarian Universalist Association



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ITS WORTH**

Christmas

Merry Christmas!

Welcome to Worship at Federated Church

“Every Year”

by Rev. Sarah Speed

My heart and I have an agreement.
Every year we show up here—
here in the sanctuary,
here with the candles and tall ceilings,
here with the creaky church pews
and the songs of silent nights.

My heart and I have an agreement.
Every year we show up here—
At the end of the year,
After another 12 months of humanity, of me
Trying to keep it all together,
Trying to keep my head above water,
Trying to keep up the appearances.

Every year we show up here.
We drop it all. We leave it at the door.
We come into this space, and I could swear it feels different.
Maybe it's God. Maybe it's hope. Maybe it's love.
But whatever it is, I need it every year, so we show up here.
Tell us again the story of tonight.

My heart needs it.

Dear Christmas worshippers,
Welcome on this holiest of nights. Whatever it is that has drawn you here, welcome. Wherever this last year has taken you; whatever hopes, fears, loves, and longings you carry here tonight, we're glad you're here. May Emmanuel—the “God-who-is-with-us”—meet you here in this place and amidst it all as you enter once again into this sacred story. For God's life-altering promises are for you and for our world. May your soul feel its worth; may our weary world rejoice!

Wishing you a blessed Christmas,
Pastor Eric

Order of Worship | January 08, 2023

All music can be found at the back of the bulletin.

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

Prelude

Welcome & *Passing the Peace

Gathering Hymn "Arise, Your Light is Come" (p. 3)

Centering Moment

Sharing Prayers of Joy & for Healing

Scripture [Matthew 2:1-12](#)

Epiphany Reflection

*"Be bold like the magi.
Do not tarry, setting into your comfort,
but rather set out, keeping the star in your vision.
It will lead you to the place you are most in need of,
the place where God is.
And if an angel warns you in a dream
not to return by the old way,
please listen."*

"Song on the Feast of Epiphany" by Christine Rodgers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art 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 "Christ, Be Our Light" vv. 1-2, 5 (p. 4)

Scripture [Isaiah 60:1-6](#); [Matthew 2:13-18](#)

Sermon "Home By Another Way"

Musical Meditation "Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)" *Eaton/Grant*

Our Shared Life & Offering

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 “Take Us Home By Another Way” (p.5)

Benediction

Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Those serving us this morning are:


Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Ogi | **Ministers:** All of us! | **Director of Music:** Gary Mattin

Liturgist: Brian Oster | **Ushers:** *Roger Jacobson, Gip Seaver, Judy Winter, Ruth Olle.*

Ushers for Sunday, Jan. 15: Nate and Pam Kitterman, and Linda Mason

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Listen to Sermons Online —Video of Pastor Eric’s sermons are posted each week on our website: www.fedsycamore.org/sermons, and are also available via podcast on Spotify (scan the QR code with your camera app to open!) 

January Love Offering The Love Offering for January will benefit the Pastor’s Emergency Fund. Pastor Eric’s fund will help individuals pay utility bills, buy gas, food and more. For check donations please indicate on the “memo” line Pastor’s Emergency Fund. Cash is accepted. All donations should be put in an envelope labeled Love Offering with your name and amount on it. Put the envelope in the offering plate. Checks may also be mailed to the church office.

Arise, Your Light Is Come

Ruth Duck, 1973

N.C. A D A D A $\frac{E}{B}$ B7 E

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise

A $\frac{E}{G\#}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A}{E}$ $\frac{Bm}{D}$ D#m7(b5) E $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D $\frac{A}{C\#}$ Esus E7 A

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
up the bro - ken-heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
up like ea - gles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

Christ, Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Take Us Home By Another Way

Chorus



Spir - it take us home, take us home by a - no - ther



way, take us long way 'round the ty - rants and their schemes.



Give us strength to walk, show us dreams of a bet - ter




day, and we'll pave the way with just - ice go - ing home by a - no - ther

Last time to ending



way. The mount - ains and the hills_ laid_ low, the rough plac - es made
No of - fer - ings for bil - lion - aires to make them rich - er
So when the Proud Boys and_ the_Klan ask where the Christ child


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plain, the ty - rants thrown down from their_ thrones 'til on - ly love re -
still bring all your frank - in - cense and_ myrrh that the hung - ry may be
lies just tell 'em that you'll let them know next time you're pass ing

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Ending



mains Spir - it way. So, when things get tough and feet are_ tired we'll
filled by



know it' - ll be o - kay 'cause we'll pave the way with just - ice go - ing



home by a - no - ther way.

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.*

“Welcoming Any, Loving All”

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