

Federated Church

OF SYCAMORE

United Church of Christ + Unitarian Universalist Association



PENTECOST

*"And I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh."
~ Acts 2:17*

***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? Fill out our brief online [Connection Form here](#), 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 | May 28, 2023, 10:00 am

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.

Please join in reading those parts printed in **bold**.

Prelude “Isai Tauyo Pano” Traditional, from Zimbabwe

Gathering in the Story of Pentecost

Welcome

Scripture [Acts 2:1-21](#)

Passing the Peace

Sung Response “Send Us Your Spirit” (p.6)

Sharing Prayers of Joy & For Healing

Centering Moment

This is your time to center more deeply into the presence of God.

We invite you to slowly read the quotes below, and then: ponder the Meditation questions; move through the Breath Prayer; or simply sit in silence.

“Historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This one is no different. It is a portal, a gateway between one world and the next. We can choose to walk through it, dragging the carcasses of our prejudice and hatred, our avarice, our data banks and dead ideas, our dead rivers and smoky skies. Or we can walk through lightly, with little luggage, ready to imagine another world. And ready to fight for it. ... Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing.”

~ Arundhati Roy

Meditation Questions

1. What is “breaking down” in your life? How might God be calling you to imagine, embody, and live into something new? Where might God’s Spirit be present amidst all this?
2. What dead-weight “luggage” do you need to let go of in order to move into this future? Can you trust that God—that new life—is present there?

Breath Prayer

“Breath Prayer” is an ancient Christian form of prayer done by choosing one or two lines to meditate on, and to inhale / exhale through them. This helps us unite our prayers with our full being. Take a moment to breathe through these lines as your centering prayer.

Inhale: Another world is possible. Exhale: Another world is already here.

Inhale: Newness requires letting go. Exhale: I will trust this unfolding.

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.**

Anthem “*Siyakudumisa* (We Praise You)”

(Zulu hymn arranged for the Holy Spirits Choir by Joseph Damaku.
Arranged for marimbas by Michael Breez. Transcribed by Bonnie Carol.

(Zulu / phonetic) *Siyakudumisa nkosi yetu
Akekofana nawe nkosi yetu
Atipaitanyi tsiami nkosi yetu
We praise you, our Lord
There is no one like you, our Lord*

Scripture [Genesis 11:1-9](#)

Sermon “What Has Gotten into Them?!”

Sung Response “Spirit of the Living God” x2 (p. 5)

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 “Send Down the Fire” vv. 2 – 4 (p.7)

Benediction

Postlude

As the postlude plays, please join us in Dutton Hall for coffee and fellowship!

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WORSHIP NOTES

Serving us this morning are:

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Ogi | **Ministers:** All of us! | **Music Director:** Gary Mattin
Musicians: Harambee Percussion Ensemble | **Ushers:** Paula von Ende, Skip & Bev Schramer. Ushers for Sunday, June 4: Pam Wagener, Chris Borresen, Skip Schramer
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“Spirit of the Living God”

The languages below reflect the diversity within our own wider church community

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

SPANISH

*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*

Hindi:

Bhagwaan ki aatmaa, mujhpe barse phir se
Pighal jaaon, dhal jaaon, bhar jaaon, choone se

TAGALOG

Espiritung Banal ng Dios, Puspusin ako
Sa madling kasalanan, Linisin Mo.
Hubugin, At gawing bago
Espiritung Banal ng Dios, Puspusin Mo.

KOREAN

살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
빛으시고 채우소서
살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

“Send Us Your Spirit”

6
Come, Lord Je - sus, send us your Spir - it, re - new the
11
face of the earth. Come, Lord Je - sus,
20
send us your Spir - it, re - new the face of the earth.

1 Come _____ to us, Spir - it of God; breathe in us
2 Fill us with the fire of your love; burn in us
3 Send us the wings of new birth; fill all the

24
now, _____ we sing to - geth - er.
now; _____ bring us to - geth - er.
28
earth with the love you have taught us. Let

33
Spir - it of hope and of light, _____ fill our lives;
Come to us, dwell in us, change our lives, O Lord;
all cre - a - tion now be shaken with love;

come to us, Spir - it of God.

6

“Send Down the Fire”

Refrain



Send down the fire of your jus - tice,



send down the rains of your love; come, send down the



Spir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and we shall be



peo - ple of God.



- 1 Call us to learn of your mer - cy,
- 2 Call us to be your com - pas - sion,
- 3 Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion,
- 4 Call us to wit - ness your king - dom,



teach us the way of your peace; give us
teach us the song of your love; give us
teach us the fire of your truth; give us
give us the pres - ence of Christ; may your



hearts that sing, give us deeds that ring, make us
hearts that feel, give us hands that heal, make us
righ - teous souls, till your jus - tice rolls, make us
ho - ly light keep us shin - ing bright, ev - er



ring with the song of your peace.
walk in the way of your love.
burn with the fire of your truth.
shine with the pres - ence of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May's Love Offering | *Spartan Food Pantry.*

Donations in any amount are welcome and can be placed in the "offering" plate, mailed to the church office, or given online at <https://onrealm.org/federatedchurch/give/now> — select the fund: Love Offering. Be sure to write "Spartan Food Pantry" in the memo section of checks.

Office Closed | The church office will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. NOTE: Summer office hours (Mon – Thurs 9AM-12PM) will be in effect from June 5 - August 24.

Book Sale | *June 8 & 9: 10AM-6PM; June 10: 9AM-12PM*

The annual Federated Church (formerly Sue Lyon) Book Sale will be held June 8 through 10. The sale will open with an "Early Bird" sneak preview on Thursday from 10:00-12:00. A \$5 entry fee gets you first access to the books! Free entry begins at noon.

Extra helping hands are needed to help make the sale a success. Volunteers are needed for set-up on Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the sale dates; for sales help on all three days of the sale; and for tearing down on Saturday after the sale. Volunteer sign-up sheets are in Dutton Hall

DeKalb County Pride March | *June 22, 4:30pm, Van Buer Plaza in Downtown DeKalb*

Pastor Eric is organizing a group to participate in the DeKalb County Pride March. What a powerful witness it would be to have an intergenerational group of folks there together! Sign up in Dutton Hall if you are interested in joining us!

Online Giving is now live! Whether it's your weekly, monthly, or quarterly pledge, a one-time or recurring donation, or a contribution to a specific fund (e.g.: monthly LOVE Offering, Pastors Emergency fund, etc.), you can now do that simply and securely through our online platform (<https://onrealm.org/federatedchurch/give/now>). *Contact the church office with questions.*

“Welcoming Any, Loving All”

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