

Federated Church OF SYCAMORE

United Church of Christ + Unitarian Universalist Association



"The Trinity" by Kelly Latimore, 2017

TRINITY SUNDAY

***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 | June 04, 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.

Today we will be taking communion. *We invite you to participate however you’re best able.*

Feel free to use whatever you have for the “bread and cup”—whether that’s bread and grape juice or a cookie and coffee. God takes our ordinary offerings, whatever they are, and blesses them as we share them together!

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

Prelude

Welcome

Passing the Peace

Gathering Song “Womb of Life and Source of Being” (p.3)

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.

“‘Circling around’ is all we can do. Our speaking of God is a search for similes, analogies, and metaphors. All theological language is an approximation, offered tentatively in holy awe. We can say, “It’s like ...,” but we can never say, “It is...” because we are in the realm of transcendence. And we must—absolutely must—maintain a fundamental humility before the Great Mystery. If we do not, religion always worships itself and its formulations and never God.”

~ Richard Rohr

Meditation Questions

The Spirit is ever calling us to embrace a more expansive understanding of God

1. What image or metaphor for God is getting in the way of opening yourself to the Divine? Can you allow yourself to let it go?
2. What new image or metaphor—from nature, from community, or from an aspect of your life—is speaking to you about the Divine? How does it illuminate the Divine to you?

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: It’s OK to outgrow an idea | **Exhale:** God is bigger than my boxes.

Inhale: God is as near to me as my breath | **Exhale:** I open myself to transcendence

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” (p.4)

Scripture

[Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Matthew 28:16-20](#)

Sermon

“The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation”

Musical Meditation

Holy Communion

We practice an “open table”—everyone is welcome to receive God’s gifts. There is no dogma you must first believe. God meets us where we are—amidst our questions, doubts, fears, and failures—and offers us nourishment and a blessing on life’s journey.

Invitation & Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing Bread & Cup

Please come forward as you feel ready by forming a single line in the center aisle.

If you would like to participate but do not wish to receive bread & cup,

we invite you to come forward and Pastor Eric will offer you a blessing.

Anthem

“Come, Share the Lord”

Leech/Tabell

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 “God of Many Faces” (p.5)

Benediction

Postlude

Thank you for joining us for worship today!

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WORSHIP NOTES

Serving us this morning are:

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Ogi | **Ministers:** All of us! | **Music Director:** Gary Mattin
Liturgist: Sharon McKee | **Ushers:** Pam Wagener, Chris Borresen, & Skip Schramer
Ushers for Sunday, June 11: Judy Winter, Gip Seaver, Ruth Olle, and Skip Schramer

All hymns this morning come from *The New Century Hymnal* unless noted otherwise, and are used with permission: *CCLI License #3234671*

“Womb of Life and Source of Being”

sung to tune of Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Verse 1

***Womb of life, and source of being, home of every restless heart
In your arms the worlds awakened; you have loved us from the start
We, your children gather ‘round you, at the table you prepare
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter, we are nurtured by your care***

Verse 2

***Brooding Spirit, move among us; be our partner, be our friend
When our memory fails, remind us whose we are, what we intend
Labor with us, aid the birthing of the new world yet to be
Free of servant, lord, and master, free for love and unity***

Verse 3

***Mother, Brother, Holy Partner, Father, Spirit, Only Son:
We would praise your name forever, one in three, and three in one
We would share your life, your passion, share your word of world made new
Ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you***

“Ground and Source of All That Is”

Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan

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,
Nat - ure by whose laws we live, au - thor of our d - n - a,
En - er - gy of heav'n - ly spheres, spark with - in the in - sect mind,
Call to kind - ness, call to serve, free - dom for our chos - en course,

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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.
All - com - pel - ling call to life, draw - ing one and all the same.
Un - seen pulse to charge our plans, bring - ing or - der and sur - prise.
Guide and friend for all who dream, nour - ished by our ground and source.

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

“God of Many Faces”

Amy Cerniglia

God of man - y fa - ces, we of - fer our praise,
God of man - y gen - ders, our world re - flects you,
God of man - y names, we in - vite you to show
God of man - y bod - ies, a - bide with - in ours,

sing - ing your glo - ry through all of our days.
sun - rise and sun - set u - ni - ting our hues,
us the new names that re - flect our true souls.
shift - ing more each day through time and through scars.

Hear ev - er grow - ing voi - ces, once fra - gile, now strong,
wo - ven in - to a ci - ty with jewels of all shades,
Breathe with your ho - ly spir - it to give us the Word
Come sanc - ti - fy our bod - ies, all fash - ioned by you,

car - ry - ing mel - o - dies in ex - pan - sive new songs.
hou - ses of ru - by and walls rowed wth jade.
that will in - dwell dry bones, grant - ing new life once heard.
ho - li - er ev - ery - day, still be - com - ing more true.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June's Love Offering | *Strengthen the Church.*

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering in June reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ. Bulletin inserts and special offering envelopes will be found in the Sunday bulletin during June. Please consider donating to Strengthen the Church at this time or any time in June. 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 “Strengthen the Church” in the memo section of checks.

Summer Office Hours | Mon – Thurs 9AM-12PM through 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 and 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!

Ladies' Night Out | *June 27, 6PM, Bea's Wok 'N Roll*

Ladies' Night Out will be held June 27, at 6:00 PM at Bea's Wok 'N Roll, 1402 Sycamore Rd., DeKalb. Some ladies will be going to the concert at the Dee Palmer Band Shell in Hopkins Park after dinner, all are welcome to attend. The concert begins at 7:30 PM.

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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