

The Federated Church

United Church of Christ + Unitarian Universalist Association



ALL SAINTS DAY | PLEDGE DEDICATION

November 07, 2021 | 10:00am

*“There are stars whose radiance
is visible on earth though they
have long been extinct.
There are people whose brilliance
continues to light the world
even though they are no longer
among the living.
These lights are particularly bright
when the night is dark. They light
the way for humankind.”
—Hannah Sanesh*

Hannah Sanesh was a member of the Jewish underground in occupied Europe during World War II. Volunteering for dangerous rescue missions, she eventually was caught and executed by Nazis in her native Hungary at age 23.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

Passing the Peace

We invite you to “pass the peace” by turning toward one another while remaining in your pew and offering a non-verbal sign of God’s peace.

Gathering Hymns “We Are Not Our Own” vv. 1-2 & 4-6 (p.9)

Stewardship Moment

Testimony

Kristin Bailey

Sung Response “Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant” vv. 2 & 4 (p.10)

Scripture [Exodus 13:17-22 & Hebrews 11:29-12:2](#)

Sermon “Saints of Cloud & Fire”

Musical Meditation

Remembering the Saints

Invitation

Candle-lighting Vigil

Frank Moore
09/30/1925 – 01/10/2015

Marie Miller
01/11/1929 – 03/14/1994

Lloyd Jacklin
10/1937 - 02/2021

Lorena McGowan
09/26/1913 – 12/03/2010

Robert L. Jackson
04/09/1914 – 06/21/1980

Earl J. Seaver Jr.
06/25/1926 – 05/15/1991

Raymond Napientek
Sr.
09/19/1940 – 08/25/2021

Phyllis Moore
10/11/1924 – 07/30/2019

Arnold Miller
01/23/1923 – 12/21/2008

Virginia Jacklin
05/1924 - 12/2020

Juanita C. Jackson
09/15/1918 – 05/07/1969

Dorothy H. Seaver
06/10/1927 – 01/03/2020

Scott W. Seaver
01/10/1963 – 08/28/2018

Melissa Tanner

Evelyn Gundersen
06/04/1931 – 02/07/2019

Shinette Jacklin
06/1972 – 03/2021

Shirley McCaw
06/1928 - 01/2021

Kent A. Jackson
03/09/1914 – 03/17/2020

Larry L. Seaver
08/07/1957 – 03/26/2009

Patricia (Seaver) Gast
07/16/1956 – 11/15/2005

Nick Schramer

Special Music

“Recollection of Joy”

Performed by Gary Mattin, Music Director

Pastoral 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

For All the Saints vv. 1 & 2 (p. 11)

Dedicating Our Pledges

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

Blessing God, we give thanks for your invitation to join you in blessing the world. Embolden us as people of your global village to believe another world is possible. With these pledges, we express our commitment to your vision of abundant life for all. May the boldness of our giving be an expression of our faith. Amen.

Holy Communion

Invitation

Sung Response #564 “We Are Not Our Own” vv. 3 (p. 9)

Words of Institution

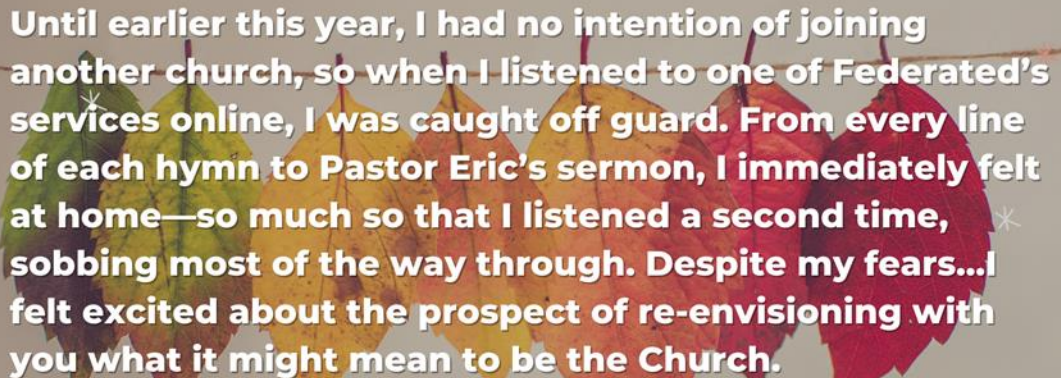
Sharing Bread & Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Announcements

Sending Hymns “For All The Saints” vv. 3-5 (p.10)

Benediction



Until earlier this year, I had no intention of joining another church, so when I listened to one of Federated’s services online, I was caught off guard. From every line of each hymn to Pastor Eric’s sermon, I immediately felt at home—so much so that I listened a second time, sobbing most of the way through. Despite my fears...I felt excited about the prospect of re-envisioning with you what it might mean to be the Church.

—Kristin Bailey

WORSHIP NOTES

Those serving us this morning are:

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Ogi | **Ministers:** All of us! | **Director of Music:** Gary Mattin
Liturgist: Sharon McKee | **Ushers:** Dave Wood, Pam Wagener, Chris Borresen & Bev Whildin.

*Those scheduled to usher next Sunday, **November 14th**, are: Roger Jacobson, Gip Seaver, Judy Winter & Ruth Olle.*

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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

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.

Stewardship 2021

Featured Ministry Partner



Dan Kenney
Founder & Executive Director

DeKalb County Community Gardens (DCCG), founded in 2012 by Dan Kenney, exists to:

- **End Hunger**
- **Empower Individuals**
- **Grow Community**

It does this by *empowering people* to choose healthy and sustainable foods through education and participation; by *educating people* on the importance of eating local, fresh, nutritious food and teaching them how to grow their own produce from planting to harvest; and by *offering a place for people* to come together to address common issues of food insecurity and barriers to access fresh, nutritious, sustainably grown food.

From its roots as a single school garden, DCCG has grown its programs and services to strategically tackle hunger in DeKalb County and continues as a resolute advocate for community empowerment through education and experiential learning. *2020 heralded the distribution of one million pounds of food* shared across the county and marked DCCG's role as frontline emergency responders. More than 800,000 pounds of food was distributed at no charge to almost 80,000 individuals across the county.

Since 2012, on any given day, Kenney can be found behind the wheel of the Grow Mobile (DCCG's mobile food pantry and education center) delivering fresh produce to local food pantries, day care centers, schools, community meal locations, and senior centers/housing units and sharing his knowledge of agriculture, poverty, food security, and community development. Kenney also worked to establish important relationships and partnerships across the county, including having served as a mayoral appointee to the City of DeKalb Citizen's Environmental Commission, as lead convener of a citizen task force creating a City of DeKalb Sustainability Plan and as Treasurer for the Annual Sondra King Memorial Hunger CROP Walk. He was also appointed to the Illinois Local Foods, Farms, and Jobs Council by the governor in 2014 and served on the statewide Board of Directors for the Illinois Stewardship

“Welcoming Any, Loving All”

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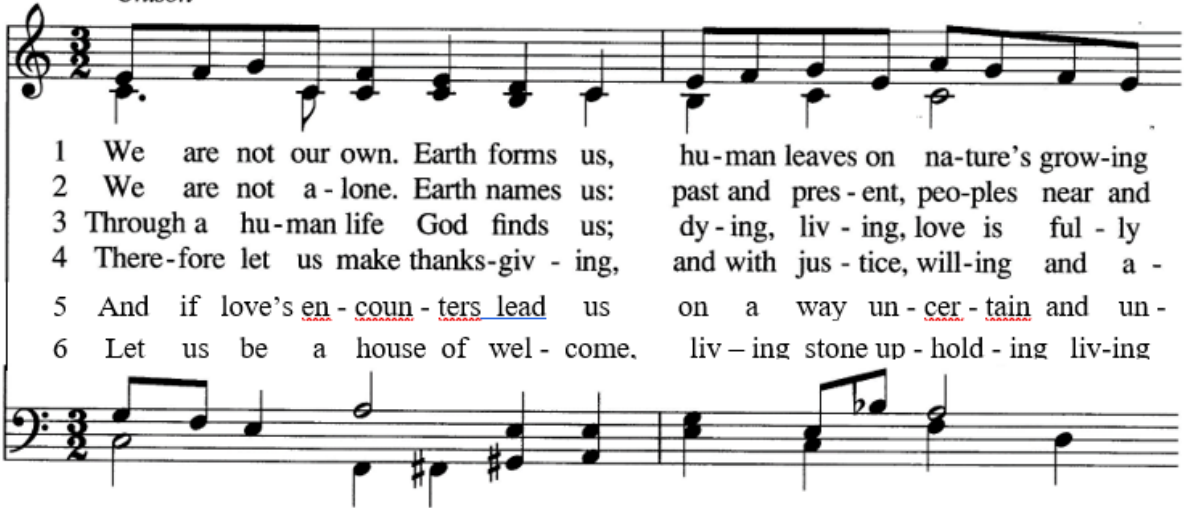
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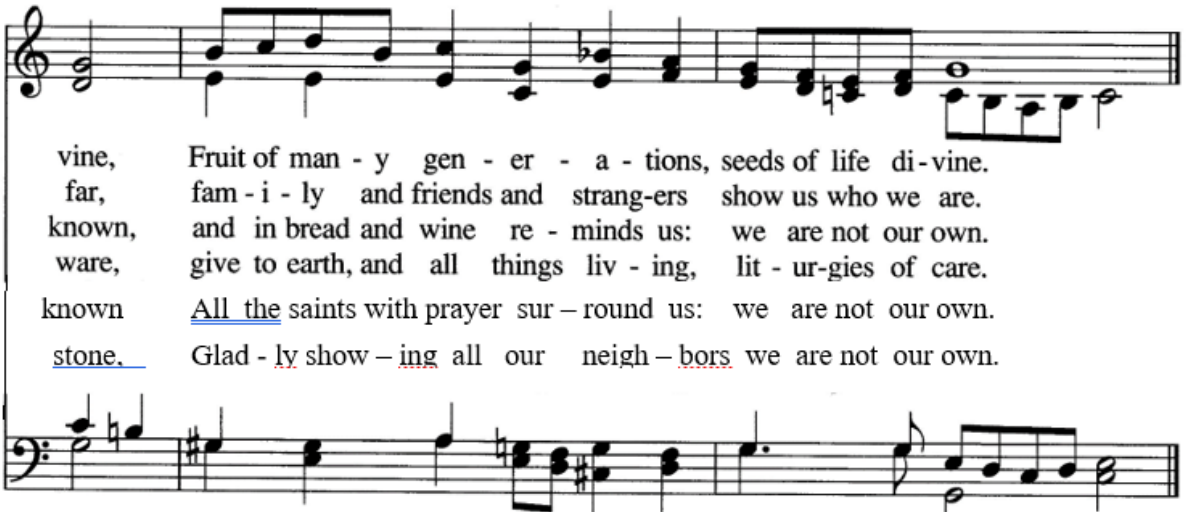
We Are Not Our Own

Unison



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

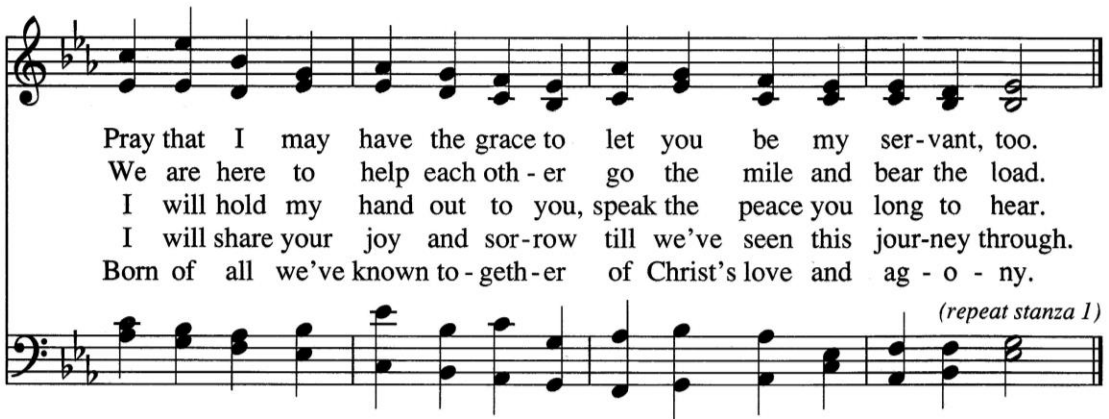


vine, Fruit of man-y gen-er-a-tions, seeds of life di-vine.
far, fam-i-ly and friends and strang-ers show us who we are.
known, and in bread and wine re-minds us: we are not our own.
ware, give to earth, and all things liv-ing, lit-ur-gies of care.
known All the saints with prayer sur-round us: we are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

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant



1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

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, faithful, true, and bold, live as the
 4 Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine, we feebly
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the

world their steadfast faith confessed, your name, O Je - sus,
 hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you
 saints who nobly fought of old, and share with them a
 struggle, they in glory shine; yet in your love our
 ear the distant triumph song, then hearts are brave a -

be for - ev - er blessed.
 were their one true light.
 glorious crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 faithful lives entwined.
 gain, and faith grows strong.