The Federated Church

United Church of Christ † Unitarian Universalist Association



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A SEASON OF ILLUMINATION & TRANSFIGURATION

February 6, 2022 | 10:00

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Passing the Peace

Gathering Hymn "You Walk Along Our Shoreline" (p. 5)

Centering Moment

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

Silent 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 "Christ Be Our Light" refrain (p.6)

Scripture Ephesians 3:13-21; Luke 5:1-11

Sermon "Called to More Than We Can Imagine"

Musical Meditation

Holy Communion

Invitation

Sung Response "As We Gather at Your Table" verse 1 (p. 6)

Words of Institution Sharing Bread & Cup Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our Shared Life & Offering

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Welcoming New Members *Gip Seaver, Shannon Wilde, Jan Ecos, Chris Borresen One*: Do you promise to continue in your pilgrimage of faith, growing as a disciple of Jesus so that you may: resist oppression and evil; embody love and compassion; challenge injustice and pursue mercy; and bear witness to the way of Jesus the Christ as best you are able? And, when you stray from this path, as we all inevitably do from

time to time, do you promise to rest in God's all-encompassing grace and forgiveness, return to the way of Christ, and begin again?

New Members: We promise, with the help of God.

One: Do you promise to walk with us in faithfulness and Christian love? And do you promise, that so far as you're able, you will participate in the life of this church by worshiping God with us, and by offering your time, talents, and treasures for the building up of the ministries of this church and the larger Church, of which we are a part?

New Members: We promise, with the help of God.

One: Do you, the people of Federated Church, promise to extend Christ's love and extravagant welcome to Shannon, Gip, Jan, and Chris? Do you promise to continue your own pilgrimage of faith and to journey with them in theirs? And do you promise to embrace the ways their presence, their gifts, their backgrounds and perspectives will add to and re-shape us as a church, as we discern the future to which God is calling us? **Congregation:** We promise. with the help of God.

Announcements 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 My Life, God Let it Be" vv. 1-2, 5-6 (p.7)

Benediction

Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Those serving us this morning are:

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

Ushers: Dave Wood, Pam Wagener, Chris Borresen & Bev Whildin — *Ushers* scheduled for next Sunday, Feb. 13th: Roger Jacobson, Gip Seaver, Judy Winter & Ruthe Olle.

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Fast Track Winter Clothing Collection

Now through next Sunday, February 13th, we are collecting coats, hats, mittens, gloves and scarves of all sizes to donate to Open Closet in DeKalb, which offers free clothing to community members in need.

Items should be clean and in good condition. New items are welcome too!

You can either bring your items to church next Sunday (we'll bless them during worship before sending them off!) or drop them off at the church office during Laura's office hours (Mon & Fri: 9-12 noon and Tue, Wed, Thurs 9am – 3 pm).

Questions? Please contact Paula von Ende at 815/762-8704.

Church Office—Update

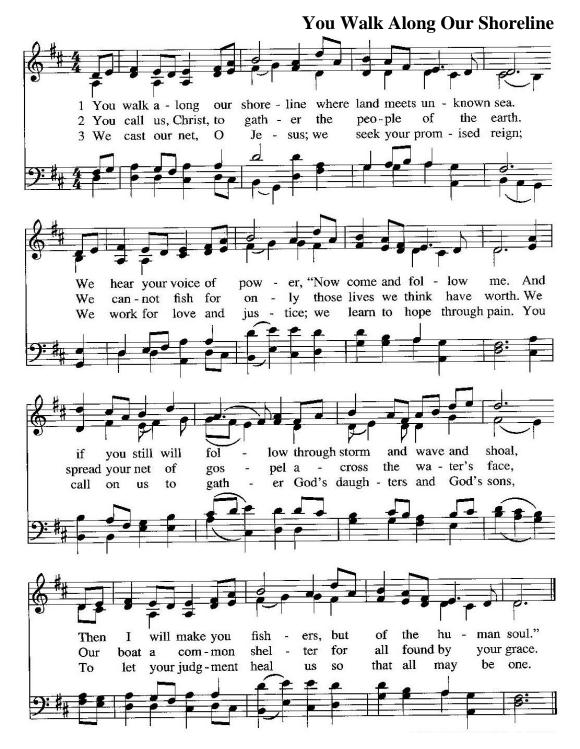
The church office will be closed February 14th-18th as our Office & Communications Administrator, Laura Wellendorf, will be on vacation.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

Federated Church is an Open & Affirming Community: This means that in a time of deep division and vitriolic rhetoric around issues of race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality; a time when 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+ people to be, to belong, to lead, to question, and to grow in faith.





As We Gather at Your Table



Take My Life, God Let it Be



- Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

"Welcoming Any, Loving All"

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