

# The Federated Church

*United Church of Christ + Unitarian Universalist Association*



**EASTER SUNDAY**

**April 17, 2022 | 10:00am**

## Order of Worship

### Prelude

### At Jesus' Tomb

John 20:1-3, 11a

**Introit** "I Weep Because They Have Taken My Lord Away"

*Duet by Peggy Safford & Fe Gould*

**Gathering Song** "Were You There?" vv. 1 & 3 (p. 5)

**Easter proclamation** John 20:11b-13 & Mark 16:6-7

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!** (3x)

**Easter Hymn** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" vv. 1, 2 & 4 (p. 6)

### Centering Moment

*I used to know the wilderness only as pain; a land without food, a land without water.*

*But you rained down manna, and even water flows in your desert.*

*I used to think the wilderness was total isolation—*

*but the Israelites had each other, and you had the stars in the sky.*

*So then I thought the wilderness must be time wasted—*

*Forty years of circles. Forty years of wandering.*

*But then I realized each step is a step, and maybe there's growth in that.*

*So then I concluded that the wilderness must be lonely spaces—*

*The woman and her well, the blind man and his gate,*

*Martha and her kitchen, Peter and his fire.*

*But then you showed up in each of those places, to each of those faces.*

*So now I wonder—*

*What if the wilderness is the birthplace of creation?*

*What if the wilderness is where God's call begins?*

*What if the wilderness is where joy is birthed?*

*What if, between the dirt and the sky and that wide orange horizon,*

*The wilderness is where we find you?*

*"The Wilderness is the Birthplace of Joy" by Sarah Are*

*When and where have you found God in your wilderness?*

*(Through whose presence? In what unexpected grace or act of generosity?*

*What renewed purpose or new steps? What small moment of joy?)*

## **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** "My Life Flows on In Endless Song" (p.7) vv. 1, 2 & 4

**Scripture** [Luke 24:13-40](#)

**Sermon** "Embracing the Wisdom Pattern: Life, Death, New Life"

## **Musical Meditation**

### **Our Shared Life & Offering**

**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** "This is a Day of New Beginnings" (p.8) vv.1-4

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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## WORSHIP NOTES

Those serving us this morning are:

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

**Ushers:** Nate & Pam Kitterman and Linda Mason — *Ushers scheduled for next Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>: Paula von Ende and Skip & Beverly Schramer.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

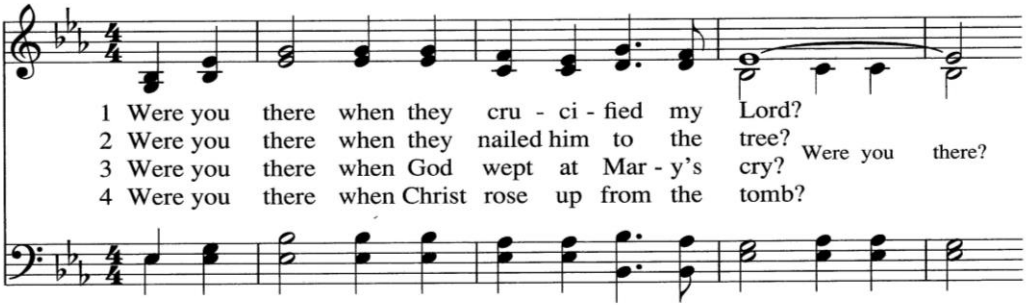
**Pastor Eric will be on Vacation, Tuesday, April 19-Monday, May 2**

While Pastor Eric is away on vacation, we look forward to welcoming Rev. Nancy Fraley to lead us in worship on April 24<sup>th</sup>, and Rev. Joe Gastiger to lead us on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

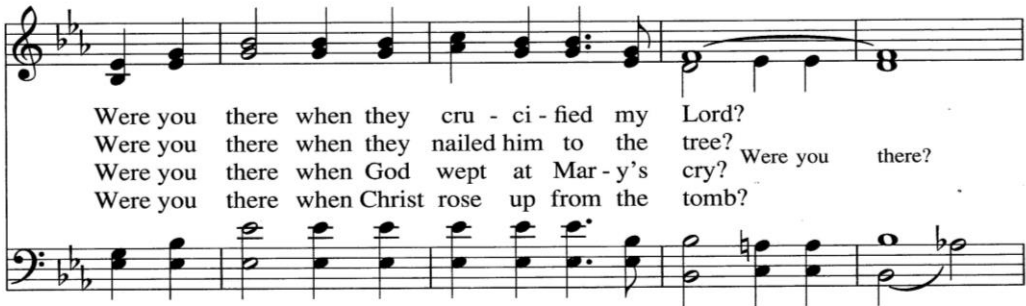
In case of Pastoral Emergency, please reach out to Rev. Alan McNamara, the Interim Pastor at First Congregation UCC in DeKalb, at (952) 594-9706.

**April’s LOVE Offering is for our Fall Backpack & School Supplies Drive** for low-income students in DeKalb County. Under the leadership of church members Sharon McKee and Sherry Jones, we have made this a local mission of the church for many years. Sharon and Sherry work with DCFS and other local agencies to determine what is needed. The congregation then volunteers to help fill the backpacks in August. Monetary support to purchase the supplies comes from the congregation as well. *Envelopes are available by the bulletins.* For checks, please note in the memo “School supplies.”

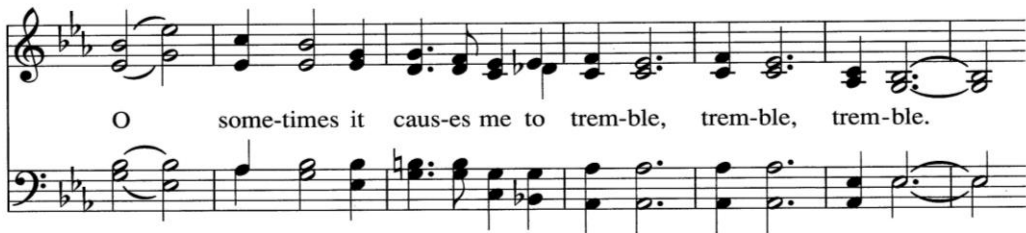
# Were You There?



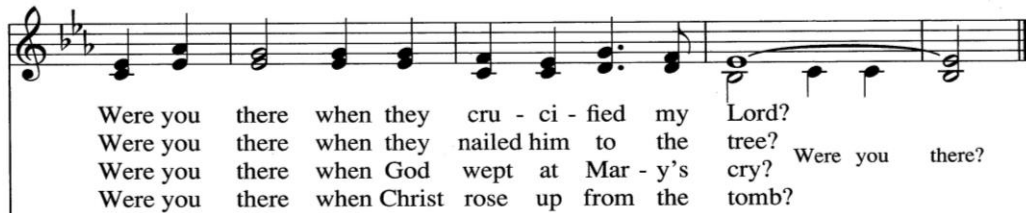
1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there?  
 3 Were you there when God wept at Mar - y's cry?  
 4 Were you there when Christ rose up from the tomb?



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O some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



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While many spirituals begin solemnly but end on a high pitch of praise, this is one of the true "sorrow songs" that W. E. B. DuBois spoke about in his book *The Souls of Black Folk*.

Tune: WERE YOU THERE Irr.  
 African-American spiritual  
 Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992

# Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

# My Life Flows On In Endless Praise (How Can I Keep From Singing)

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -  
 2 What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is  
 3 When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells  
 4 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a -

ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that  
 liv - ing. What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A  
 ring - ing; When friends re - joice both far and near, how  
 bove it; And day by day this path - way smooths, since

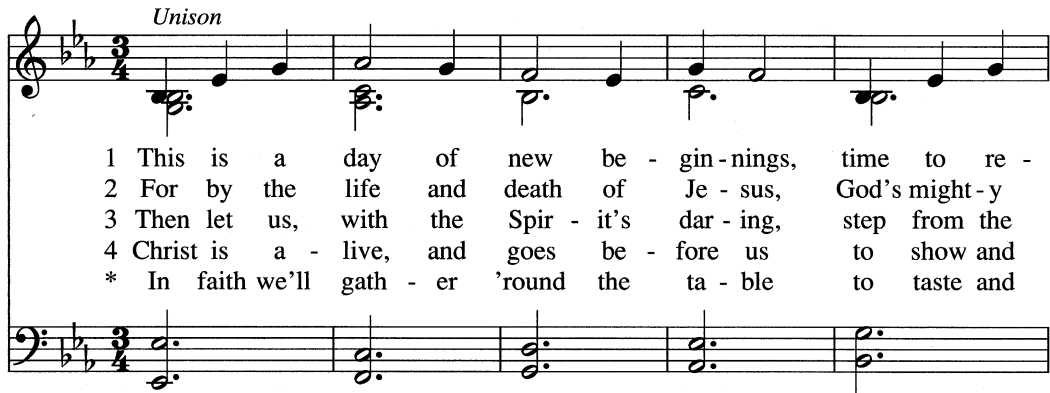
hails a new cre - a - tion. Through all the tu - mult  
 new song Christ is giv - ing. No storm can shake my  
 can I keep from sing - ing? In pris - on cell and  
 first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes

and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It  
 in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since  
 dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When  
 fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing; All

finds an ech - o in my soul— how can I keep from sing - ing?  
 Love com - mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?  
 friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing - ing?  
 things are mine since I am Christ's— how can I keep from sing - ing?

# This is a Day of New Beginnings

*Unison*



1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -  
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y  
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the  
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and  
 \* In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and



mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is  
 Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of  
 past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and  
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -  
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bring-ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.  
 dif-ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.  
 griev-ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.  
 gin-nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.  
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# ***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.

# ***“Welcoming Any, Loving All”***

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