

# The Federated Church

*United Church of Christ † Unitarian Universalist Association*



**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**May 29, 2022 | 10:00am**

# Order of Worship

## Prelude

## Welcome

### \*Passing the Peace

*We invite you to “Like” the worship video and share a greeting in the Facebook comments!  
Let us know you’re here!*

### \*Gathering Hymn “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” vv. 1-3, 6 (p.3)

## Centering Moment

*“I hate, I despise your vigils, and I take no delight in your school shooter drills.  
Even though you offer me your thoughts and prayers, I will not accept them;  
And the offerings of well-being of your collection plates, I will not look upon them.  
Take away from me the noise of your lament; I will not listen to the melody of your tears.  
But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”  
~ An adaptation of Amos 5:21-24 by Rev. Emily Elizabeth Ewing*

*“There is something deeply hypocritical about praying for a problem  
you are unwilling to resolve” ~ Miroslav Volf, theologian*

## 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** “Spirit of the Living God” (2x) (p.4)

**Scripture** [Amos 5:21-24 & Isaiah 1:11-15, Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23](#)

**Sermon** “The Power of God for Life in a World Bent on Death”

## 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** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (p.5)

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**WORSHIP NOTES**

*Serving us this morning are:*

**Pastor:** Rev. Eric J. Ogi | **Director of Music:** Gary Mattin | **Liturgist:** Brian Oster

**Ministers:** All of us! | **Ushers:** *Tony & Alice Whitney, Skip & Bev Schramer*

*Ushering next Sunday, June 5: Dave Wood, Pam Wagener, Chris Borresen, Bev Whildin*

**Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life**

1. Where cross the crowd - ed ways\_ of life, where sound the cries of  
2. From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from wom-an's grief, man's  
3. Till all the world shall learn\_ your love and fol - low where your

clan\_ and race, a - bove the noise\_ of self - ish  
bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls,\_ from sor - row's  
feet\_ have trod, till, glo - rious from\_ your heaven a -

strife,\_ we hear your voice,\_ we see\_ your face.  
stress,\_ your heart has nev - er known\_ re - coil.  
bove, shall come the cit - y of\_ our God!

# Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me: Spir - it of the liv - ing God,

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody in the treble clef consists of quarter notes and eighth notes, with lyrics: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me: Spir - it of the liv - ing God,". The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

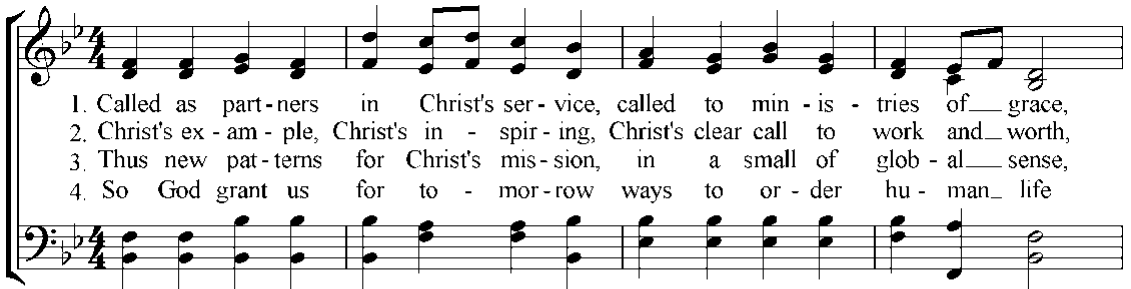
Fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, Fill me,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, Fill me,". The music features a mix of quarter and eighth notes in the treble clef, with a steady bass accompaniment.

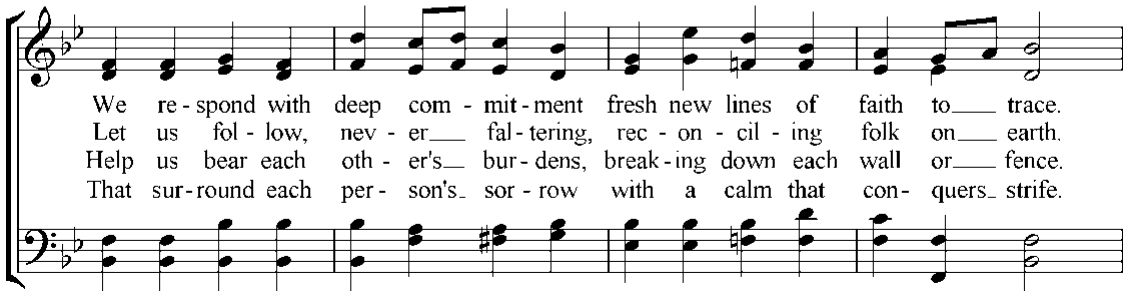
use me, Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me.

The third system concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "use me, Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me." The melody in the treble clef ends with a quarter note, and the bass line provides a final accompaniment.

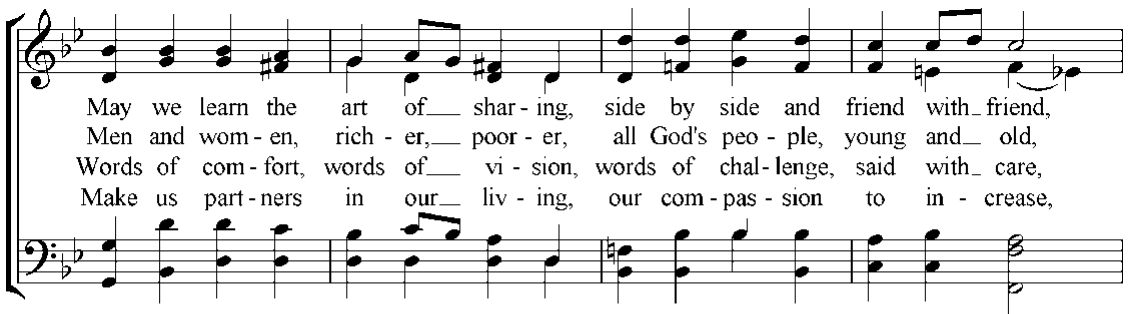
## Called As Partners in Christ's Service



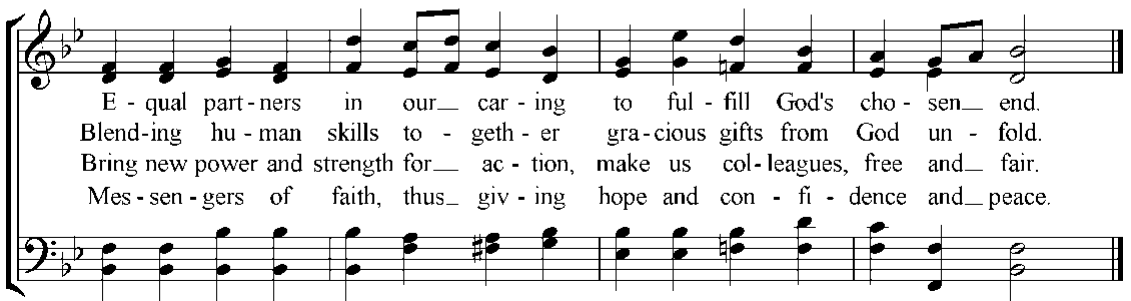
1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of\_\_ grace,  
2. Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and\_\_ worth,  
3. Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small of glob-al\_\_ sense,  
4. So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man\_\_ life



We re-spond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to\_\_ trace.  
Let us fol-low, nev-er\_\_ fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on\_\_ earth.  
Help us bear each oth-er's\_\_ bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or\_\_ fence.  
That sur-round each per-son's\_\_ sor-row with a calm that con-quests\_\_ strife.



May we learn the art of\_\_ shar-ing, side by side and friend with\_\_ friend,  
Men and wom-en, rich-er,\_\_ poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and\_\_ old,  
Words of com-fort, words of\_\_ vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with\_\_ care,  
Make us part-ners in our\_\_ liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E - qual part-ners in our\_\_ car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen\_\_ end.  
Blend-ing hu-man skills to-gether gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.  
Bring new power and strength for\_\_ ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and\_\_ fair.  
Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus\_\_ giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and\_\_ peace.

# ***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 and what we do? Would you like to meet Pastor Eric or get connected to others? In your pew-back you will find a yellow bookmark-sized "Connection Card." Fill it out and place it in the offering plate, 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.

# ***“Welcoming Any, Loving All”***

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the United Church of Christ & the Unitarian Universalist Association*



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