

# The Federated Church

*United Church of Christ + Unitarian Universalist Association*



## A SUMMER SERMON SERIES

## **Order of Worship** | June 19, 2022 | 10:00am

All music is from the **Black New Century Hymnal** in your pew back, unless noted otherwise

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

### **\*Passing the Peace**

*We invite you to stand while remaining in your pew as you share a sign of God's peace*

### **\*Gathering Hymn** "God, We Thank You For Our People" vv. 1, 3, 4 (p.4)

### **Centering Moment**

*"The way in which a faith community shapes language about God implicitly represents what it takes to be the highest good, the profoundest truth, the most appealing beauty... The symbol of God functions... It sums up, unifies, and expresses a faith community's sense of ultimate mystery, the world view and expectation of order devolving from this, and the [resulting] orientation of human life and devotion." ~ Elizabeth Johnson, 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** "Ground and Source of All that Is" vv. 1 & 2 (p. 5)

**Scripture** Galatians 5:1, 13-15; Ephesians 5:1, 6:5-9

**Sermon** "How (Not) to Read the Bible Faithfully"

### **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** “We Limit Not the Truth of God” (p.6)

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**WORSHIP NOTES**

*Serving us this morning are:*

**Pastor:** Rev. Eric J. Ogi | **Director of Music:** Gary Mattin | **Liturgist:** Sharon McKee

**Ministers:** All of us! | **Ushers:** Nate & Pam Kitterman, Linda Mason

*Ushering next Sunday, June 26: Paula von Ende, Skip & Beverly Schramer*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

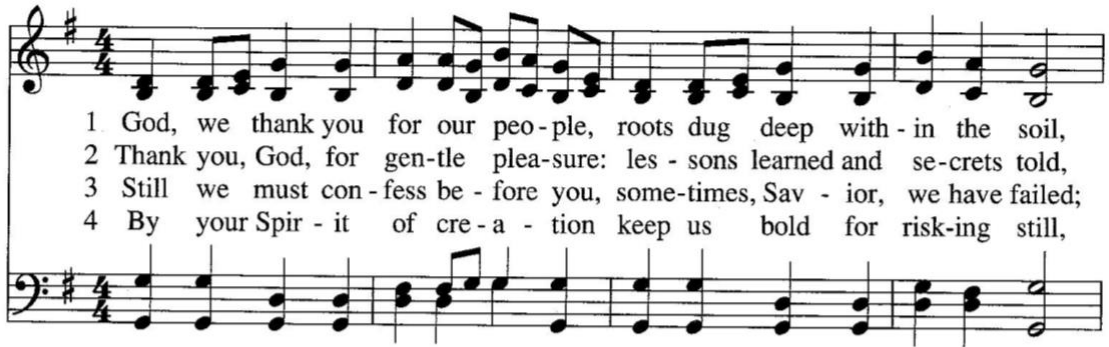
**Gathering Allies for PRIDE, Thursday, June 23, Downtown DeKalb**

June is LGBTQ+ Pride month! As an expression of our commitment to building a world that honors the dignity of all God's beloved children, we are calling together allies who would like to march together representing Federated Church in the second annual DeKalb County PRIDE parade on Thursday, June 23. The parade begins at 6:30pm and will take place in downtown DeKalb. *Sign up in Dutton Hall. Pastor Eric will be gone, but our Office Admin, Nia, will be coordinating; she'll reach out with more info!*

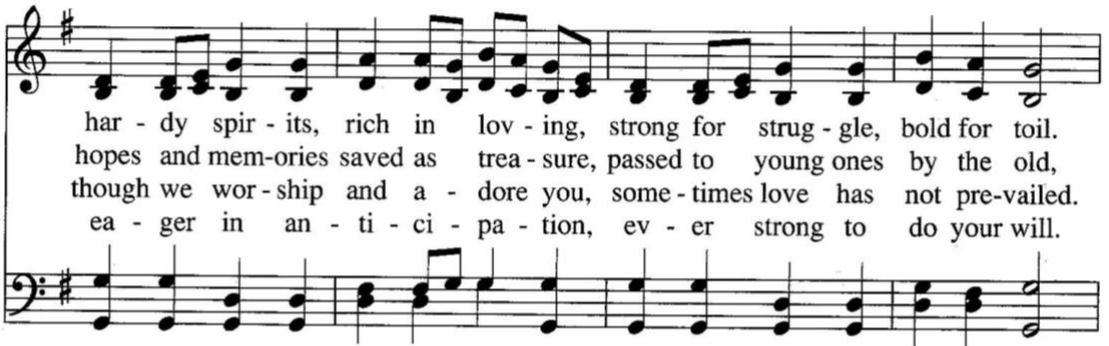
**June Love Offering — Strengthen the Church Mission**

The *Strengthen the Church* offering in June reflects the shared commitment of people across our denomination, 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. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. *Envelopes for this special offering are available in the back by the bulletins.*

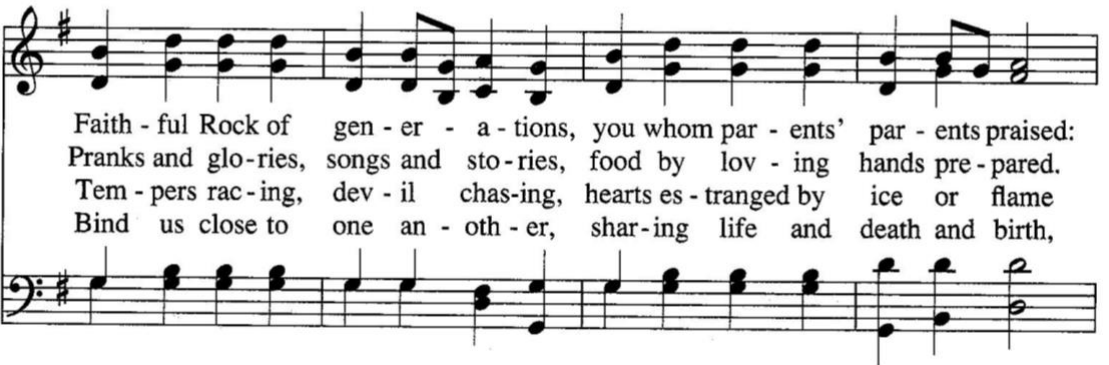
# God, We Thank You For Your People



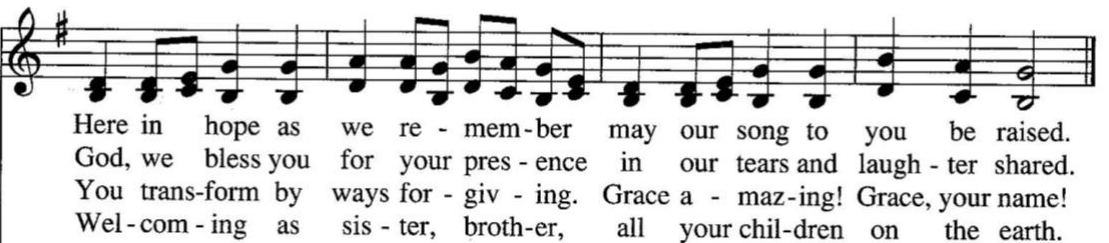
1 God, we thank you for our peo-ple, roots dug deep with - in the soil,  
2 Thank you, God, for gen-tle plea-sure: les - sons learned and se-crets told,  
3 Still we must con-fess be - fore you, some-times, Sav - ior, we have failed;  
4 By your Spir - it of cre - a - tion keep us bold for risk-ing still,



har - dy spir - its, rich in lov - ing, strong for strug - gle, bold for toil.  
hopes and mem-ories saved as trea - sure, passed to young ones by the old,  
though we wor-ship and a - dore you, some-times love has not pre-vailed.  
ea - ger in an - ti - ci - pa - tion, ev - er strong to do your will.



Faith - ful Rock of gen - er - a - tions, you whom par - ents' par - ents praised:  
Pranks and glo-ries, songs and sto-ries, food by lov - ing hands pre-pared.  
Tem - pers rac-ing, dev - il chas-ing, hearts es - tranged by ice or flame  
Bind us close to one an - oth - er, shar-ing life and death and birth,



Here in hope as we re - mem-ber may our song to you be raised.  
God, we bless you for your pres - ence in our tears and laugh - ter shared.  
You trans-form by ways for - giv - ing. Grace a - maz-ing! Grace, your name!  
Wel-com - ing as sis - ter, broth-er, all your chil-dren on the earth.

## “Ground and Source of All that Is”

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,

Bm7 A/C# D D/F# G Em7 F#m7 G E/G# Asus4 A D

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.

D D/F# G(add9) D D/F# G(add9)

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

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## We Limit Not the Truth of God”

1 We lim - it not the truth of God to our poor reach of mind,  
2 Who dares to bind to one's own sense the or - a - cles of heaven,  
3 E - ter - nal God, In - car - nate Word, Spir - it of flame and dove:

to no - tions of our day and place, crude, par - tial, and con - fined;  
for all the na - tions, tongues, and climes and all the a - ges given?  
en - large, ex - pand all liv - ing souls to com - pre - hend your love;

No, let a new and bet - ter hope with - in our hearts be stirred:  
That u - ni - verse, how much un known! that o - cean un - ex - plored!  
And help us all to seek your will with wis - er powers con - ferred:

O God, grant yet more light and truth to break forth from your Word.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the voice, and a grand staff (treble and bass) for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the final three lines. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, providing harmonic support for the vocal melody.

# ***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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