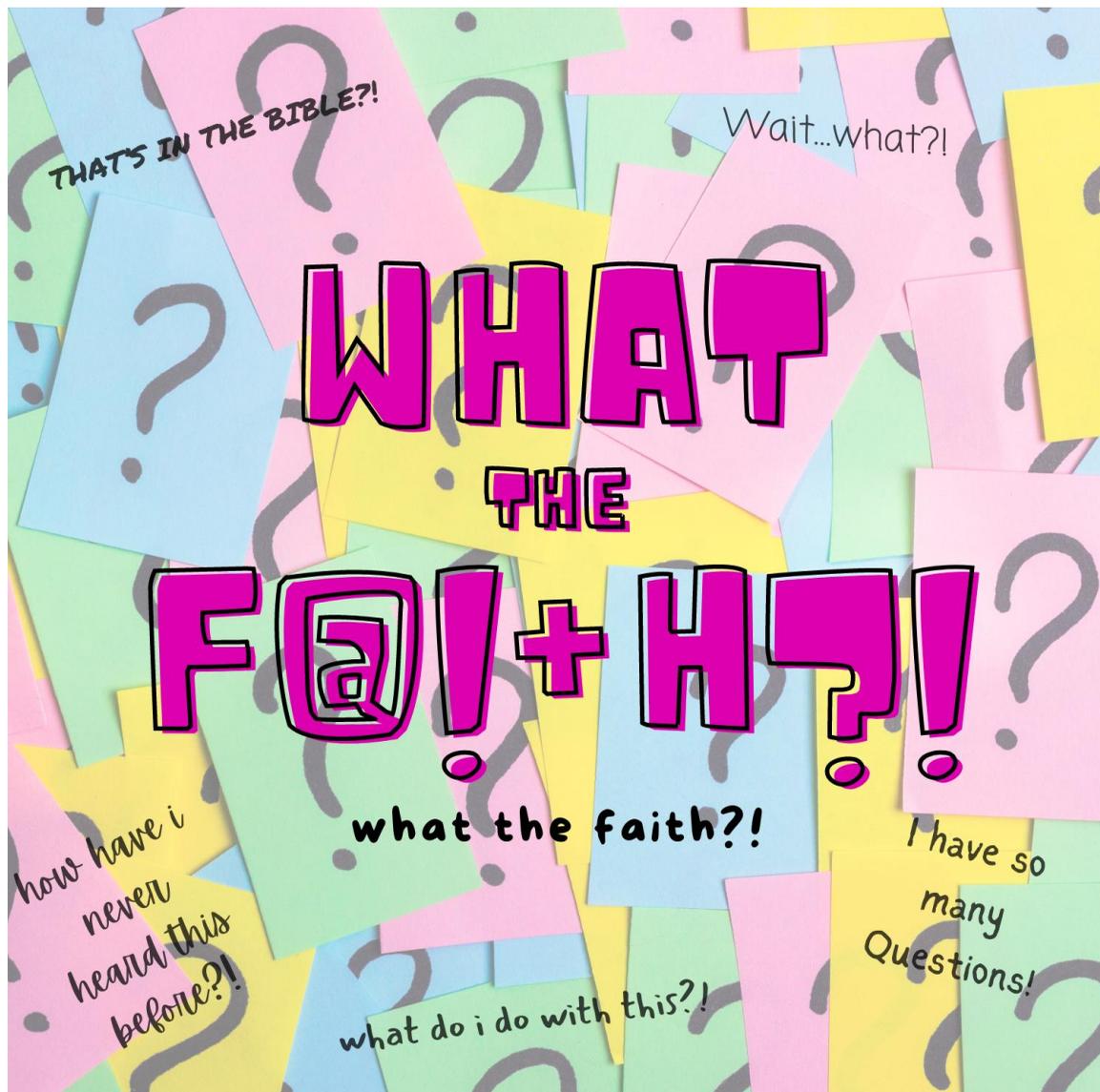


The Federated Church

United Church of Christ † Unitarian Universalist Association



A SUMMER SERMON SERIES

What the Faith?!

Get in on the Conversations!

Have you wanted to read the Bible more, but had no idea where to start? Do you have questions about the Bible that you've always wanted to ask but never felt like you could, like: what do we do with the parts of the Bible that seem to condone violence, or sexism, or xenophobia, or the infamous "clobber" passages used against people who are lesbian, gay, or bisexual?

Federated is a community where your doubts and questions are welcomed as *faithful* expressions of our human and Christian search for meaning and purpose—*not as a lack of faith!*

If that's what you're looking for, this small-group series is a perfect way to connect in an informal setting. In fact, Pastor Eric is curious: *What questions do you have? What topics or themes have you struggled to understand or would like to explore?* Now is your chance to ask! Email them to Pastor Eric at any point during this series (but, the sooner the better!) and Pastor Eric will try to incorporate them into the series.

Each midweek gathering will be in person and outdoors from 6:30-7:45pm. We will finalize the day/location at our first gathering on Thursday, June 30th. Together, we will reflect on the scripture, themes, and questions raised by the previous week's sermon. Missed a Sunday? No problem! You can watch each sermon on our website: <https://fedsycamore.org/sermons/>.

Feel free to invite a friend. No need to have a connection to Federated to participate!

Order of Worship | July 03, 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** "Send Us Your Spirit"

Centering Moment

"A living tradition is a courageous form of shared consciousness, because, in contrast to an ideology, it preserves our mistakes and atrocities as well as our insights and moral victories. The possibility open to those who live within a tradition, which is not open to committed ideologues, is repentance, a radical reorientation of thinking that the New Testament writers term metanoia, literally, 'a change of mind.'" ~ Ellen Davis

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 "Take, O Take Me As I Am"

Scripture [1 Corinthians 14:26, 34-37](#) & [1 Timothy 2:8-15](#);
[Galatians 3:23-29](#) & [Acts 18:1-3, 18-21, 24-27](#)

Sermon "The Bible Tells Me So? Scripture & 'Godly Women'"

Musical Meditation

Holy Communion

Invitation & Sung Response #332 "As We Gather at Your Table" v. 1
Words of Institution
Sharing Bread & Cup

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** “God of the Women”

Benediction

Postlude

*While the postlude plays, we invite you to join us in Dutton Hall for Coffee Hour.
While masks are currently required in the sanctuary, they are optional in Dutton Hall.*

WORSHIP NOTES

Serving us this morning are:

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

Ushering next Sunday, July 10: Roger Jacobson, Gip Seaver, Judy Winter, & Ruth Olle

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will recycle & reuse these shell covers over the coming weeks. Please place them in the basket at the bottom of the stairs on your way out. Thanks!

“Take, O Take Me As I Am”

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I will
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Take, O Take Me As I Am". It consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics "Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I will" and the second staff contains "be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with block chords and single notes.

“Send Us Your Spirit”

David Haas

6
Come, Lord Je - sus, send us your Spir - it, re - new the
11
face of the earth. Come, Lord Je - sus,
20
send us your Spir - it, re - new the face of the earth.

24
1 Come to us, Spir - it of God; breathe in us
2 Fill us with the fire of your love; burn in us
3 Send us the wings of new birth; fill all the

28
now, we sing to - geth - er.
now; bring us to - geth - er.
earth with the love you have taught us. Let

33
Spir - it of hope and of light, fill our lives;
Come to us, dwell in us, change our lives, O Lord;
all cre - a - tion now be shaken with love;
come to us, Spir - it of God.

“God of the Women”

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette



1. God of the wom - en who an - swered your call,
2. God of the wom - en who walked Je - sus' Way,
3. God of the wom - en long put to the test,
4. God of the wom - en who ran from the tomb,
5. O God of Phoe - be and min - is - ters all,



trust - ing your pro - mis - es, giv - ing their all,
giv - ing their re - sourc - es, learn - ing to pray,
left out of stor - ies, for - got - ten, op - pressed,
prayed with the oth - ers in that up - per room,
may we be joy - ful in an - swering your call.



wom - en like Sar - ah and Han - nah and Ruth,
Ma - ry, Jo - an - na, Su - san - na, and more,
qui - et - ly ask - ing: "Who smiled at my birth?"
then felt your Spir - it on Pen - te - cost Day,
Give us the strength of your Spir - it so near



give us their cour - age to live in your truth.
may we give free - ly as they did be - fore.
In Je - sus' dy - ing you show us our worth.
may we so glad - ly pro - claim you to - day.
that we may share - in your min - is - try here.

“As We Gather At Your Table”

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "As We Gather At Your Table". It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single line, and the lyrics are placed below it. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff concludes the melody and lyrics. The music is written in a simple, accessible style, suitable for congregational singing.

***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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