

January 22, 2023 10AM



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*live your faith*

*Chimes indicate the service is starting, and silence is appreciated to prepare for worship.*

**Prelude** Chorale Prelude on Morning Star (Aaron David Miller) Patrick Wickliffe,  
organ

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

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**Introit** *Will You Come and Follow Me* (arr. Tom Trenney) Federated Choir  
Patrick Wickliffe, piano

\* **Call to Worship** (*responsive*) Kelly Kimball

One: Welcome to the house, to the fellowship, of our gracious God!

**All: Because the church is not just a place, it is the people.**

One: It is a people proclaiming to the world that

we are here for the work of healing and of justice.

**All: It is person, linked with person, linked with person:  
all ages and genders and abilities—**

**a community built on the foundation of reason, faith, and love.**

One: The church is not just a set of doors open on Sunday morning,

**All: but the commitment day after day, and moment after moment,  
of our hearts creaking open the doors of radical welcome.**

\* **Passing of Christ's Peace**

(Children from grades K-8 leave for Sunday School)

\* **Hymn**

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

No. 7

**Opening Prayer** (*unison*)

Kelly Kimball

**You call us, O Holy One, wanderer of seashores and sidewalks,  
inviting us to sail out of our smug harbors into the uncharted waters of faith -  
to wander off from our predictable paths to follow you  
into the unpredictable footsteps of the kingdom -  
to leave the comfort of our homes and accompany  
you into the uncomfortable neighborhoods we usually avoid.  
As we wait, in our simple, sometimes crazy, constantly uncertain lives,  
speak to us, Spirit of Grace: of the hope which is our anchor;  
of the peace which is our rock; of that joy which is our light. Amen.**

**Invitation to Generosity**

Rev. Throckmorton

**Anthem**     *Obey the Spirit of the Lord* (Robert De Cormier)     Federated Choir;  
Bruce Gigax, soloist; Patrick Wickliffe, piano

**Scripture**    Psalm 27:1, 4-9    Will Asplin

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**    Rev. Dan Kershner

\* **Hymn**    *Spirit of the Living God*    No. 259

**Scripture**    Matthew 4:12-23    Gracie Ryan

**Sermon**    Rev. Matthew Wooster

\* **Hymn**    *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*    No. 16

**Service of Installation**

**The Greeting**

Rev. Nayiri Karjian

One: I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, and celebrate with you as the Holy Spirit leads you onward in your journey of faith.

**All: With Jesus as our guide, we continue to seek the Spirit's guidance for our Community of Faith. Surrounded by the saints who've gone before us, we offer our praise for God's faithfulness to the church, and celebrate Christ in our midst.**

### The Exhortation

One: Hear these words from the apostle Paul: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

One: We are Christ's body, and each of us is a part of it.

**All: We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.**

One: If your gift is service:

**All: Then we will live to serve others.**

One: If your gift is the heart of a teacher:

**All: Then we will teach what is true.**

One: Let preachers preach with conviction. Let givers give freely. Let those who serve the poor, serve with glad and generous hearts.

**All: Let leaders work diligently for the people, nurturing gifts, encouraging generosity, cultivating good stewardship of all the gifts God has given us, leading us in the footsteps of Jesus.**

One: Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in Spirit, serving God, rejoicing in hope, praying regularly, supporting one another, and welcoming all.

### Declarations of the Minister

#### Declarations of the Congregation

One: Will you members and friends of Federated Church, United Church of Christ receive Rev. Betsy Wooster as your pastor and teacher, letting go of previous pastoral leadership, and releasing former things that you may embrace new possibilities the Spirit puts before you? Will you respect Betsy as your pastor, honoring her work by compensating her justly, respecting her time for Sabbath and rest, personal and professional boundaries, and embracing her leadership as she guides you in the way of Jesus?

**All: We will, with the help of God. We, the members and friends of Federated Church, United Church of Christ, receive Betsy Wooster as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with her in the ministry of the gospel, to pray with her, and for her, and to seek God's voice and will for us in our time.**



## The Prayer of Installation

### The Declaration of Installation

One: Betsy Wooster, in the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as pastor and teacher of Federated Church, United Church of Christ.

**All: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

### Presentation of Gift

Rev. Kershner

### The Charge to the Minister and the Congregation

Rev. Throckmorton

\* **Hymn** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* No. 453

\* **Benediction** Rev. Betsy Wooster

**Postlude** *Sonata No. 2 in C Minor, mvmt. 4: Fugue: Allegro moderato* (Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy) Patrick Wickliffe, organ

### Participants in today's Service:

Greeting are some students in the '22-'23 Confirmation Class: Will Asplin (also reader), Asher Kimball, Robby Mignogna, Ava Rose, Gracie Ryan (also reader)

Rick Bryan, Moderator of Federated Church, UCC

Rev. Nayiri Karjian, Association General Minister, Living Water Association of the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ

Rev. Dan Kershner, Member of Federated Church and of Betsy's Pastoral Search Committee

Kelly Kimball, Member of Federated Church and of Betsy's Pastoral Search Committee

Rev. Matthew Wooster, Senior Minister at Plymouth UCC, Shaker Heights, OH

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