The Federated Church of Orleans

FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE gather in my name, there am I WITH THEM.

Matthew 18:20

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United Church of Christ
Unitarian Universalist Association
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

REFLECTION

“Truth can be told in an instant, forgiveness can be offered spontaneously, but reconciliation is the work of lifetimes and generations.”
~ Krista Tippett, 21st century

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Darren Morgan

PRELUDE

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
Glenn Starner-Tate, Organ
Tune: St. Margaret, Albert L. Peace, 1884; Arr. Earl Roland Larson,
“O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.”
-- George Matheson, 1882

CENTERING SILENCE

GATHERING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Tune: Beecher
Words: Charles Wesley, 1743; Music: John Zundel, 1870

Love Divine, all loves Excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love thou art
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Finish, then, thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Reinhold Niebuhr, adapted)

Dallas Jones, Liturgist

One: O God, you have bound humanity together in this life.
Many: Give us the grace to understand how our lives depend on the
      courage, industry, honesty, and integrity of all who labor.
One: May we be supportive and mindful of their needs.
Many: May we be grateful for their faithfulness.
One: May we be faithful in our responsibilities to them.
Many: We come together this morning and lift up those who labor in
      all places and in all capacities in the power of your name.
      Amen.
GATHERING PRAYER

Holy God, our world feels upside down since the start of this global pandemic. Things are falling apart, and all we can do is focus on our own lives and our own homes. Help us to seek You, and to turn our focus away from ourselves and to see how we can be a difference in our community and our world. Guide us in Your ways of love, justice and mercy, so that we might live the life You have set before us. Help us to trust in You, when things are falling apart, that You will help us move on, and You will always lead us into new life. In the name of the One who calls us to gather in his name, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may Your Word be heard; in the meditation of our hearts, may Your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may Your Word be shown. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18:15-20

MESSAGE What Kind of Community Will We Be? Rev. Darren Morgan

PASTORAL PRAYER, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Create in Me Glenn Starner-Tate

Words & Music: Gayle Schoepf, 1988; Psalm 51:10-13

“Create in me a new heart, so that I'll give you more than part
   Of this, the life you've given me,
Create in me a new heart, then I will teach, and others know,
   And I will learn, my faith will grow.
With you I can create new dreams, with you I can change lesser schemes,
   O God, new joy and a new start! Create in me a new heart.”
CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF REMEMBERING

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we thank you for this meal and for all of the ways you nourish us. Grow in us that we may nourish others. Sustain us as we press toward the goal of your call in Christ Jesus. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OFFERING

PARTING HYMN

This is a Day of New Beginnings

Tune: Beginnings

Words: Brian Wren, 1978; Music: Carlton R. Young, 1984

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
Time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that’s gone.

Then let us, with the Spirit’s daring, step from the past and leave behind
Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Morgan

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Mark Baker, Piano

Glenn Starner-Tate, Organ

Tune: Hymn to Joy

From Symphony No. 9 in D Minor, Opus 125, Ludwig Van Beethoven, 1824
Arr. Lani Smith, 2007

Worship Notes:
The communion liturgy was written by Rev. Ruth Garwood and used by permission.
PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

Roz and Bob DeLong  Jean Kuhn  Shirley Smith
Glenda Downs  Jan Laster  Carol Richardson
Helen Grogan  Vanessa Lawson  Paul Robinson
Jane Hansen  Connie Newell  Ross Witt-Long
Marion Kennedy  Tom Nickerson

Those who are working on the front lines during this COVID-19 global pandemic, especially Dr. Kim Mead-Walters and Birgit Weissshuhn
CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

Today, September 6
10:00 a.m. Worship led by Rev. Darren Morgan via YouTube
11:00 a.m. Zoom Coffee Hour

Monday, September 7
Labor Day Observed – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8
10:00 a.m. Gateways Spirituality Meet at the Labyrinth
2:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting at the Labyrinth

Wednesday, September 9
10:00 a.m. Prayer and Devotion with Rev. Morgan at the Labyrinth
11:00 a.m. Search Committee Meeting at the Labyrinth
2:30 p.m. Videotape Sunday’s Worship Service

Thursday, September 10
11:00 a.m. Care4Creation Team Meeting at the Labyrinth

Friday, September 11
9:00 a.m. Bible Study meet at the Labyrinth
10:00 a.m. Mission Advisory Meeting at the Labyrinth

Saturday, September 12
4:00 p.m. N.A.M.I. Meeting at the Labyrinth

Next Sunday, September 13
10:00 a.m. Worship led by Rev. Darren Morgan via YouTube
11:00 a.m. Zoom Coffee Hour
The Federated Church of Orleans is an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

The Federated Church of Orleans Covenant

Acknowledging our long history as a covenantal church, we promise to be a faithful people committed to justice and mercy in the world around us and in our individual lives, whatever it may cost us.

We trust in God revealed in scripture and mirrored in the life of Jesus. We respond to the love and power of God’s spirit alive among us, leading us into an unknown future.

We covenant to support The Federated Church of Orleans and to seek the flourishing of God’s whole creation:

by gathering in worship; offering a warm, all-inclusive welcome; respecting and listening to each other; sharing in the joy of discipleship; standing with and advocating for the hurt, the hungry, and the excluded; relieving suffering and alienation where we find it; and by working toward a time of peace throughout God’s world.

Ministers: The People
Senior Minister: Rev. Darren Morgan   Minister of Music: Glenn Starner-Tate, M.M.E
Administrator/Financial Assistant: Kimberly Denis   Nauset Ringers Director: Thom Dutton
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No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.