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Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

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**EVOLUTION SUNDAY**

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**Prelude**

***In the Garden Worlds***

**Yuyoung Jeong, piano**

arr. by Mark Hayes

**Gathering Song**

***As We Gather***

**Congregation**

by Coomes & Fay

As we gather may your Spirit work within us  
As we gather may we glorify your name  
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship  
We'll be blessed because we came  
(Repeat)

**Welcome**

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**Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano**

**Introit**

**A Firemist and a Planet**

**Chancel Choir**

**Gong**

**Call to Worship**

**Alex Ingal**

One: Beneath the mists of time, before the world began,  
beyond our understanding, in the beginning...God.

**Many: Fathering history, Mothering creation,  
Parenting earth's people from the beginning...God.**

One: Expecting the right moment, Preparing the right way,  
Revealing the right person for each new beginning...God.

**Many: Maker and mover of heaven and earth:  
Ever evolving, continually calling, perpetually pushing...**

**All: Creator God, one God, our God.**

Hymn

**God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens**

Congregation

New Century Hymnal #556

God, who stretched the spangled heavens,  
infinite in time and place,  
flung the suns in burning radiance  
through the silent fields of space,  
we, your children, in your likeness,  
share inventive powers with you.  
Great Creator, still creating,  
show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of  
since the childhood of our race;  
known the ecstasy of winging  
through uncharted realms of space;  
probed the secrets of the atom,  
yielding unimagined power,  
facing us with life's destruction  
or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons,  
may it challenge us anew,  
children of creative purpose,  
serving others, honoring you.  
May our dreams prove rich with promise,  
each endeavor well begun.  
Great Creator, give us guidance  
till our goals and yours are one.

**A Fresh Word**

Anthem

**The Greatest Commandment**

Chancel Choir

by Pepper Choplin

Taize

Congregation

**Reflective Singing "Holy Spirit Come to Us"**  
J. Berthier



## Prayers of the Church

Jerri Davenport M.Div.

(concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

Our Creator (Father, Mother, or other name as you are comfortable),  
which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kin-dom 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.

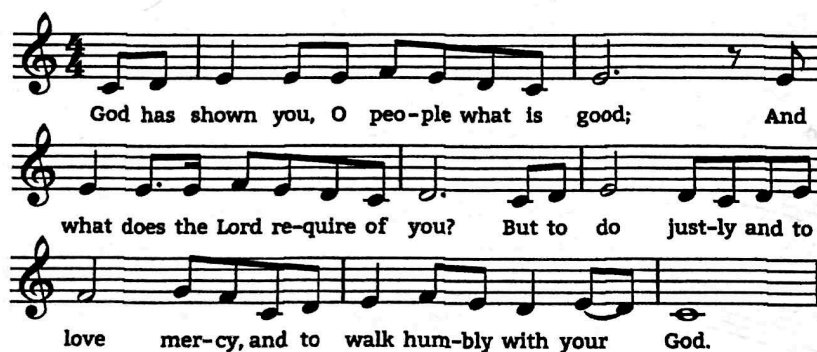
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## Offertory

Alex Ingal

### Song of Thanksgiving • "Micah 6:8"



God has shown you, O peo-ple what is good; And  
what does the Lord re-quire of you? But to do just-ly and to  
love mer-cy, and to walk hum-bly with your God.

## Prayer of Dedication

Alex Ingal

### Scripture

*Sirach 11:3*

Alex Ingal

The bee is small among flying creatures,  
but what it produces is the best of sweet things.

## Guest Speaker

Dr. Boris Baer

## Communion Invitation

Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

## Communion Music

*One Bread, One Body*

Dr. Chris Peterson

by John B. Foley

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord. (refrain)

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more. (Refrain)  
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. (Refrain)  
Grain for the field, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all (Refrain)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Congregation**

**For love shared and hope renewed,  
for promises remembered and Christs among us,  
for the feasts of this life and those to come,  
we give you thanks, O God. Send us forth to reconcile and make new,  
praising life in the midst of death, bearing hope on angels' wings,  
and giving thanks always and everywhere that life is precious beyond all telling.  
Alleluia and Amen.**

**Benediction**

**Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano**

**Response**

***Alleluia***

**Congregation**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*  
*(Repeat)*

**Postlude**

***I'll Fly Away***

**Yuyoung Jeong, piano**

arr. by Mark Hayes

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