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Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

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**EVOLUTION SUNDAY**

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**Prelude**

***Reflets dans l'eau***

**Yuyoung Jeong, piano**

(Reflections in the water) - Debussy

**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**

**God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens**

**Chancel Choir**

by Catherine Cameron, 1967

**Call to Worship**

**Kristen Norton**

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

**Many: Mothering creation, Fathering history, 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**

***A Firemist and a Planet***

**Congregation**

by Wm. H. Carruth

A firemist and a planet, a crystal and a cell,  
a starfish and a saurian, and caves where ancients dwelt;  
the sense of law and beauty, a face turned from the sod –  
some call it evolution, and others call it God.

Like tides on crescent sea-beach, when moon's so new and thin,  
into our hearts high yearnings come welling, surging in,  
come from the mystic ocean whose rim no foot has trod –  
some people call it longing, and others call it God.

A sentry lone and frozen, a mother starved for her brood,  
and Socrates' dread hemlock, and Jesus on the rood;  
and millions, who, though nameless, the straight, hard pathway trod –  
some call it consecration, and others call it God.

### A Fresh Word

Anthem

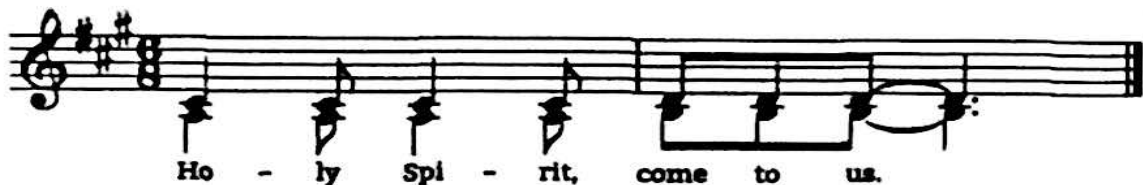
***Like A Mighty Stream***  
by Moses Hogan and John Jacobson

Chancel Choir

Taize

Congregation

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



Prayers of the Church

Rev. Jerry von Talge

(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

Kristen Norton

**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**

**Kristen Norton**

**Scripture**

*Genesis 2:7-9, 15, 18-25*

**Kristen Norton**

Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

**Sermon**

**Dr. Adolfo Sequeira**

**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  
piano**

***Sonata in A flat major***

**Yuyoung Jeong,**

Hob XVI 46, Mov. I - Haydn

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