

**Bulletin** information  
for  
**September 20, 2020**

**THE FEDERATED CHURCH**  
Wauconda, Illinois  
A community church affiliated with the  
United Methodist Church and the American Baptist Churches.



**CHURCH STAFF**

Senior Pastor: Rev. Soon Sun Lee  
Youth Pastor: Pastor Crystal Johnson  
Secretary: Peggy Martin

**OFFICE HOURS**

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8am-12pm  
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**Prelude/ Lighting of the Altar Candles  
Words of Welcome/Announcements**

by Melissa Pearson

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**

L: Come!

Come and worship,  
you who woke early and you who slept late;  
you who come often and you who don't.  
you who come in person and watch a livestreamed service  
Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between,  
there is room for all of us in God's kingdom,  
and more than enough grace to go around.  
Let's worship God together!

**Opening Song**

**"Grace Alone"**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CK\\_dwXcK86E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CK_dwXcK86E)

**Children's Message** Louise Bundy

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**Prayer Song**

**"Sanctuary"** music by **Geri Meyer**

**Let Us Give Our Offering to the Lord – music**

**Offering Song** "Praise God" music by **Geri Meyer**

**Offering Prayer**

**\*Bible Readings:**

**Matthew 20:1-16 (CEB)**

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2 After he agreed with the workers to pay them a denarion, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 "Then he went out around nine in the morning and saw others standing around the marketplace doing nothing. 4 He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I'll pay you whatever is right.' 5

And they went. “Again around noon and then at three in the afternoon, he did the same thing. 6 Around five in the afternoon he went and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you just standing around here doing nothing all day long?’ 7 “‘Because nobody has hired us,’ they replied. “He responded, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ 8 “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the workers and give them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and moving on finally to the first.’ 9 When those who were hired at five in the afternoon came, each one received a denarion. 10 Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But each of them also received a denarion. 11 When they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 ‘These who were hired last worked one hour, and they received the same pay as we did even though we had to work the whole day in the hot sun.’ 13 “But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I did you no wrong. Didn’t I agree to pay you a denarion? 14 Take what belongs to you and go. I want to give to this one who was hired last the same as I give to you. 15 Don’t I have the right to do what I want with what belongs to me? Or are you resentful because I’m generous?’ 16 So those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last.”

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Preparation**

**Sermon**

**“Is God Fair?”**

Pastor Soon Sun

**Closing Song**

**"Here I am Lord"**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcXOkht8w7c>

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**\* Please stand if you are able**

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## **Announcements:**

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING us today for In-Person Worship at 9:30 am at church and livestreamed Service via our Facebook at this time.**

**For the livestreamed Service you can access it with link here: <https://www.facebook.com/Federated-Church-of-Wauconda-307519663933/>**

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

We're still looking for a few volunteers to help with the PowerPoint (Media) presentation for Sunday services. Training is available for any skill level. We just need someone who is healthy and willing to serve the Lord by helping the Media Team.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL at 10:00 via Zoom!** The Education team is dedicated to providing meaningful classes to our children during these stressful times. We are very appreciative and grateful for their gifts.

### **BEACON DEADLINE – MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21**

Please submit your articles and announcements to Mary Steffen as soon as possible. [marstef50@aol.com](mailto:marstef50@aol.com)

**FALL TUESDAY EVENING STUDY** on “Why” has begun. It’s not too late if you would like to participate.

Fall Tuesday Evening Study Book will be “Why?” written by Adam Hamilton. There are two more weeks of the study in September (22 & 29). Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, uncertain times, and economic difficulties, we ask some questions on why. When the ground shakes, and a poor nation's economy is destroyed; when the waters rise, washing away a community's hopes and dreams; when a child suffers neglect and abuse; when violence tears apart nations; where is God?

If you are interested in this study, please ask Pastor Soon Sun for a Zoom link.