

Question about Participation

Welcome and Reception

Pastor: Let us, as members of The Federated Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church.

We promise you our friendship and prayers, as we share the hope and labors of the church of Jesus Christ.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Greeting of Christian Love

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of The Federated Church, we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this church.

Prayer

Benediction

Pastor: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Introducing Fran and Ken Watson

Fran and Ken are retired from 47 years in health care. Fran was a pediatric nurse and Ken was a respiratory therapist and ECMO technologist. Although they worked at several hospitals in their career, their final, many years were at Boston Children's Hospital. Ken also taught in health science programs at Northeastern University, the University of Costa Rica, and Shenandoah University in Virginia. Ken is a pianist and organist and has played professionally since college. He has served as organist and choirmaster for a number of churches in Virginia, Costa Rica, and Massachusetts.

Peter Boak contacted Ken in May 2016 and asked him if he would sub as organist. Peter said at the time that he had not taken a Sunday off in five years. As Ken substituted for Peter on occasion, they began attending the church regularly.

Fran and Ken recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They have two wonderful daughters: Jocelin and Jane. Jocelin is a professional photographer back home in Brookline and Jane is a nurse at Mass General Hospital. Jocelin has two children: Merlin, an IT specialist, and Dee-nah, a sophomore at the University of Edinbrough. Jane has a daughter, Sasha, who is a senior at Simmons, and a son, Cameron, who is a sophomore at Brookline High.

Fran is a master gardener and seamstress. Ken plays classical piano and ensemble music. Both love to travel. They have a dog named Kitty.

Reception of New Members/

Affirmation of Baptism

(from the Book of Worship, United Church of Christ)

Baptism is the sign and seal of God's gracious gift of love and care throughout our lives. Baptism occurs only once in a person's life. However, there are times when renewal or remembrance of baptism is so appropriate and wonderful. Reception of membership into a fellowship of believers is one of those times. This will happen today for Ken and Fran and for all of us gathered here.

Invitation

Word of God

Questions of Candidates

Affirmation of Faith (all the congregation responds)

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and all places, in confessing our faith in the Triune God.

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit.