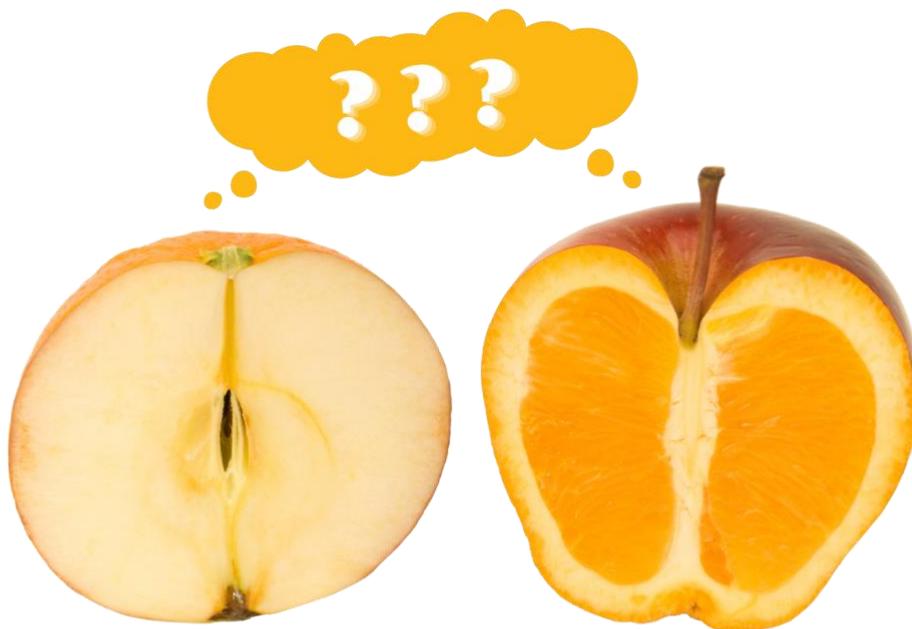


The Federated Church

United Church of Christ + Unitarian Universalist Association



IDENTITY CRISIS

knowing who you are & whose you are

January 17, 2021 | 10:00am

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Passing the Peace

Gathering Hymn “Be Now My Vision” (p. 3)

Centering Moment

Prayer of Confession & Illumination

Baptism represents “dying” to ways of living that bring “death” into the world (e.g. greed, lying, selfishness, shame, slander, apathy, partisan loyalty), and rising as a “new creation” committed to ways of living that bring more “life” into the world (e.g. forgiveness, righteous indignation, justice, gratitude, mercy, lamentation/mourning, compassion, generosity).

What in your life needs to “die” in the waters of God’s love—what needs to be let go of—so you may live more fully? What steps can you take to do this?

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 debts,
As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Sung Assurance “Ground and Source of All that Is” vv. 1 & 5 (p. 4)

Scripture [John 1:43-51; Romans 6:1-7, 11-19](#)

Sermon “A New Creation: Becoming Who We Already Are”

Musical Meditation

Our Common Life *see p. 6 for announcements*

Sending Hymn “Will You Come and Follow Me?” (p. 5)

Benediction

Postlude

Be Now My Vision

Unison

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
 2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
 3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
 4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—
 ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
 you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,
 Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
 You and you on - ly are first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
 now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
 great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Ground and Source of All That Is

Ground and source of all that is, one that an - chors all our roots,
 Lov - er of ten thou - sand names, ho - ly pres - ence all have known,
 Nat - ure by whose laws we live, au - thor of our d - n - a,
 En - er - gy of heav'n - ly spheres, spark with - in the in - sect mind,
 Call to kind - ness, call to serve, free - dom for our chos - en course,

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Be - ing of all ways and forms, deep - est home and fi - nal truth.
 Beau - ty ev - er wel - com - ing, my - ster - y to stir the soul.
 All - com - pel - ling call to life, draw - ing one and all the same.
 Un - seen pulse to charge our plans, bring - ing or - der and sur - prise.
 Guide and friend for all who dream, nour - ished by our ground and source.

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We live and move in you. We live and move in you.

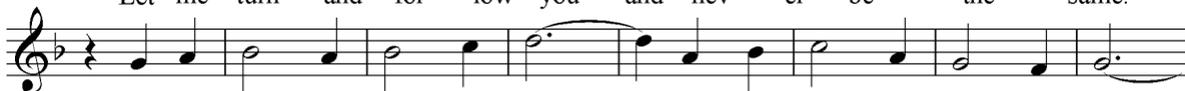
Will You Come and Follow Me?



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
3. Will you step u - pon the sea if I but call your name?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
5. God, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, — will you let my name be known, —
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare — should your life at - tract or scare? —
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, — and do such as this un - seen, —
 Will you use the faith you've found — to re - shape the world a - round, —
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go — where your love and foot - steps show. —



— will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 — Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 — and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 — through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 — Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

Announcements

Annual Meeting

(Next) Sunday, January 24 at noon via Zoom. Next Sunday, we will hold our Annual Meeting in order to vote on the 2021 budget as well as to consider and then vote on proposed changes to the Constitution. Instructions for participating were sent out in the weekly email (*Keeping Us Connected*) and will be sent out again this Wednesday as well as next Sunday. Please contact the church office if you have not received this email or if you would like to be added to the email list. (There will be no Coffee Hour that Sunday).

A stack of 2020 Yearbooks will be available on the table in the Settle Room for you to pick up between 9am-noon Tuesday-Friday. While hard copies will not be mailed, we will also include an electronic version in next week's email.

Ecumenical Martin Luther King Jr. Service



IN COLLABORATION WITH

St. George Greek Orthodox Church | First Lutheran Church
The Inclusive Collective | Cathedral of Praise | 1st United Methodist Church
The Federated Church | First Baptist Church of DeKalb
Bethlehem Lutheran Church | Grace Place
First Congregational United Church of Christ

***YOU* ARE WELCOME HERE!**

Federated Church is an Open & Affirming Community. In a time of deep division and vitriolic rhetoric around issues of race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality, and where the dignity of people living with disabilities or mental health issues are often ignored, demonized, or turned into a joke, we promise to:

Welcome all people of every age, gender, race, national origin, faith expression, marital status & family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, physical ability, mental or emotional condition, economic and social status, and educational background to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings, and joys of our church family.

The Rainbow Flag: We proudly display a rainbow flag at the front of our sanctuary as a visual declaration of God's extravagant and inclusive love, as well as of our own "promise of welcome" to all people. Our prayer is that all can be their truest selves here. This flag serves as a particular signal that our church is a safe and affirming space for LGBTQ+ persons to be, to belong, to lead, to question, and to grow in faith.