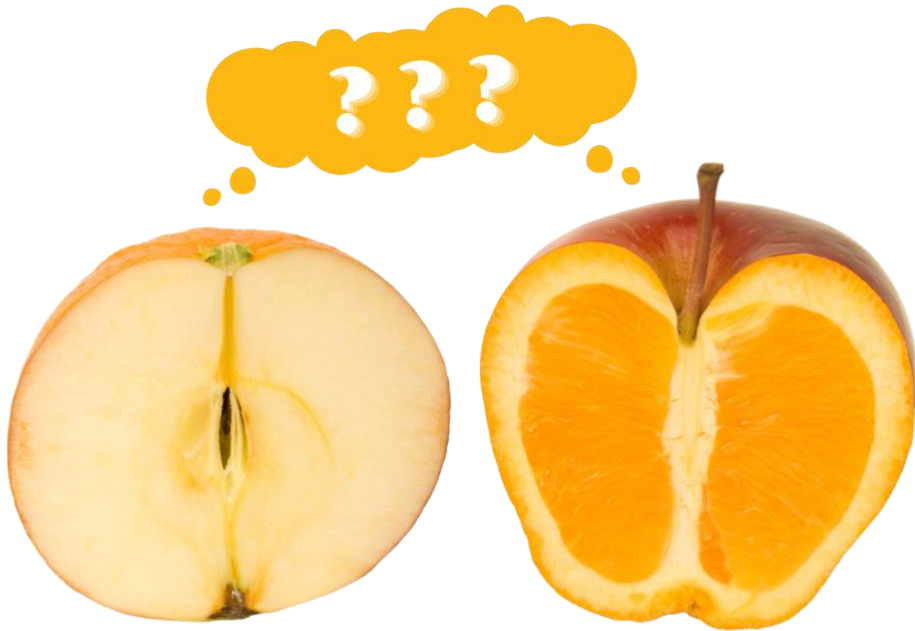


# The Federated Church

*United Church of Christ † Unitarian Universalist Association*



## IDENTITY CRISIS

knowing who you are & whose you are

**Epiphany & the Baptism of Jesus**

**January 10, 2021 | 10:00am**

# Order of Worship

## Prelude

## Welcome & Passing the Peace

## Gathering Hymn “Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us” (p. 3)

## Centering Moment

### Prayer of Confession & Illumination

*Through whom or through what experiences has God “shined forth” in your life to lead you, like the star leading the magi, to a deeper encounter with and understanding of who God is—and thus who you are?*

### 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 Response “Christ Be Our Light” (p. 4)

## Scripture [Matthew 2:1-12 & Mark 1:4-11](#)

## Sermon “Knowing Whose and Therefore Who You Are”

## Musical Meditation

## Holy Communion

### Invitation & Sung Response “And the Table Will be Wide”

*And the table will be wide, and the welcome will be wide.*

*And God’s arms will open wide, to gather us in, gather us in*

### Words of Institution

### Sharing Bread & Cup

## Renewing Our Baptism

## Our Common Life *see p. 6 for announcements*

## Sending Hymn “Arise, Your Light is Come” (p. 4)

## Benediction

## Postlude “We Three Kings” (*pandemic parody*, p. 5)

# Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

1 Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us  
 2 Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped our  
 3 Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our  
 4 When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our

close in her de - light, Fed us free - ly from her  
 hand and been our guide, Lift - ed us and healed our  
 trust in power and might, Left be - hind our broth - ers,  
 neigh - bor's hand in love, Tread the path of peace and

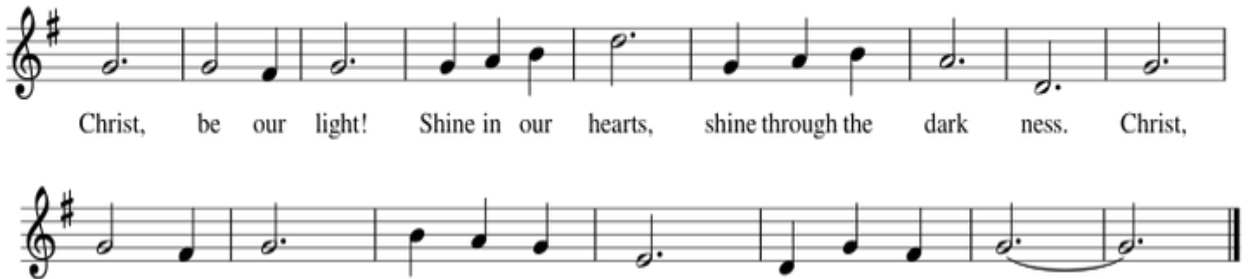
bod - y, God has called us in - to life.  
 sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.  
 sis - ters, God still calls us in - to life.  
 jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

*This hymn was inspired by Hosea's depiction of the parental aspects of God's relationship with Israel. It was first sung at a chapel service at Dickinson College, where Daniel Bechtel, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, began his tenure as professor of religion in 1964.*

Tune: AUSTIN 8.7.8.7.  
 William P. Rowan, 1992  
 Alternate tune: STUTTGART

## Christ, Be Our Light

*refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the dark ness. Christ,  
be our light! Shine in your church, gathered to day.

## Arise, Your Light Is Come



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show  
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -  
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind  
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song! Rise



forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.  
up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
up like ea - gles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

WORDS: Ruth Duck (1947-)  
MUSIC: William H. Walter (1825-1893)

FESTAL SONG  
S.M.


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# We Three Kings

Pandemic Parody

Words: R. G. Huff  
A Serious Hymn-writer Gone Rogue

John Henry Hopkins, Jr.  
KINGS OF ORIENT



1. We three kings are six feet a - part. We'll Pur - ell be fore we de - part.  
2. Mel - chi - or is now quar - an - tined! Stuck in Per - sia, so — it seems.  
3. Bal - tha - sar has lost — his taste. Eat - ing food is such — a waste.  
4. Cas - par left the car - a - van. He post-poned his star-gaz - ing plans.



We've been test - ed as sug - gest - ed. Care - ful are we, and smart!  
No more trav - el on a cam - el 'til there's a good vac - cine.  
How dis - quiet - ing, now he's diet - ing. Life now is slow - er paced.  
No more roam - ing; Cas - par's hom - ing, scrub - bing his red - dened hands.

*REFRAIN*  
*Sing Only after Stanzas 1 & 4*



O — Do our masks go with our gowns? Do these face shields hide our crowns?  
Still our masks clash with our gowns! Face shields hide our top - pled crowns!



We've had plen - ty twen - ty, twen - ty! Still we head t'ward Da - vid's town.  
We've had plen - ty twen - ty, twen - ty! Soon we'll head t'ward Da - vid's town.

Optional Stanza 4:  
Caspar blames it all on Amahl--  
One night's visit on the long haul.  
Coughs and sneezes,  
Short-breaths, wheezes.  
Li-co-rice cures it all.

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# Announcements

## Annual Meeting

We will be holding our Annual Meeting on **Sunday, January 24 at noon via Zoom**. We will provide instructions on how to participate in the days ahead. (no Coffee Hour that Sunday)

## What Shall We Say to These Things?

On **Tuesday, January 12th, at 3:30 pm ET / 2:30 CT**, renown Civil Rights activist Ruby Sales will be speaking with Brittany Packnett Cunningham and Rev. Traci Blackmon (a national leader in the UCC) about the current role of faith and faith leaders in the midst of our socio-political crisis. Tune in (free) for an inter-generational conversation hosted by the United Church of Christ. For more information and to participate, [click here](#).

## Ecumenical Martin Luther King Service

Our friends at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in DeKalb will be hosting a virtual Martin Luther King Jr. service on MLK Day (Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, streaming via Facebook Live). Pastor Eric will be participating alongside clergy representing churches throughout DeKalb County. The service will likely be in the evening, but final details are still forming. Watch for more information in the weekly message.