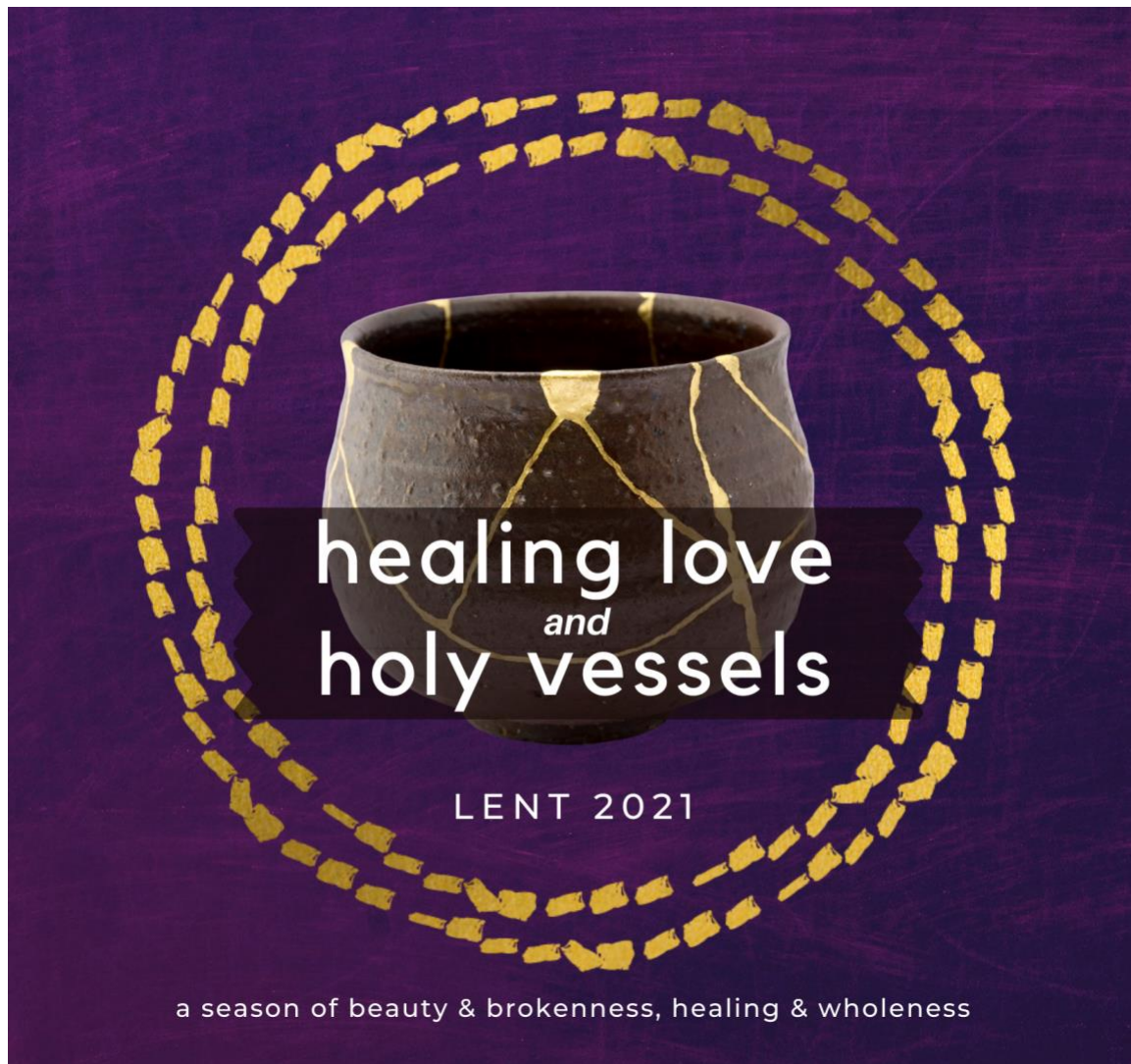


# The Federated Church

*United Church of Christ † Unitarian Universalist Association*



healing love  
*and*  
holy vessels

LENT 2021

a season of beauty & brokenness, healing & wholeness

**February 21, 2021 | 10:00am**

# Order of Worship

## Prelude

## Welcome & Passing the Peace

## Gathering Hymn “I Want Jesus to Go With Me” (p. 3)

## Centering Moment

### Prayer of Confession & Repentance

*“My sacrifice, O God, is my broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart You, O God, will not despise.”  
~ Psalm 51:17*

*What do you tend to do with something when it breaks? What do you do with those parts of yourself that our world—or that voice in your head—says are broken? How do you respond to others’ imperfections or brokenness?*

*As you sit with this, hear the voice of God saying to you: “Come to me, all who are weary. Gather up your brokenness; don’t be ashamed; don’t throw it away—bring it to me; come, find healing.”*

### 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 “Come Healing” (p. 4)

## Scripture [Matthew 8:1-4, 16-17](#)

## Sermon “Christ, the Kintsugi Master”

## Musical Meditation

## Our Common Life

## Sending Hymn “How Can I Keep From Singing” (p. 5)

## Benediction

## Postlude

# I Want Jesus to Go With Me

Unison



1 I want Je - sus to go with me;  
2 In my tri - als, O com - fort me;  
3 In my trou - ble.s, O stay with me;



I want Je - sus to go with me;  
In my tri - als, O com - fort me;  
In my trou - ble.s, O stay with me;



All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
When my heart is al - most break - ing,  
When my head is bowed in sor - row,



O I want Je - sus to go with me.  
O I want Je - sus to com - fort me.  
O I want Je - sus to stay with me.

*Most spirituals were congregational songs, but such "sorrow songs" as this convey the image of a lone person singing prayerfully to God. The solemnity of this particular spiritual reminds us of the oppression and tragedy with which slavery afflicted so many lives.*


Tune: African-American spiritual 8.8.8.9.  
Harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland  
and Verolga Nix, 1981

# Come Healing



1. O ga - ther up the bro - kenness and bring it to me now.\_\_\_\_\_ The fra-grance of those

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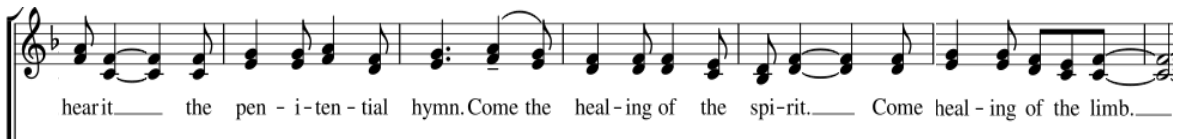


pro-mises you ne - ver dared to vow.\_\_\_\_ The splin-ters that you carried,\_\_\_\_ the cross you left be -

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hind. Come\_\_\_\_ heal-ing of the bo-dy.\_\_\_\_ Come heal - ing of the mind.\_\_\_\_ And let the hea - vens



hear it.\_\_\_\_ the pen - i - ten - tial hymn. Come the heal - ing of the spi - rit.\_\_\_\_ Come heal - ing of the limb.\_\_\_\_

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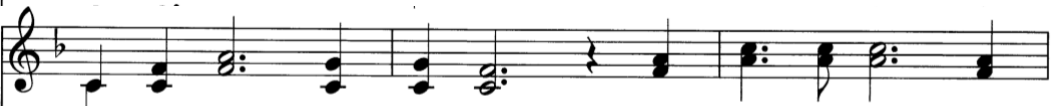
# How Can I Keep From Singing



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -  
 2 What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is  
 4 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a -



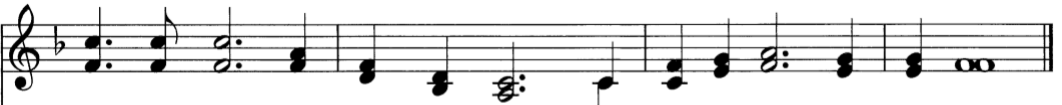
ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that  
 liv - ing. What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A  
 bove it; And day by day this path - way smooths, since



hails a new cre - a - tion. Through all the tu - mult  
 new song Christ is giv - ing. No storm can shake my  
 first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes



and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It  
 in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since  
 fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing; All



finds an ech - o in my soul— how can I keep from sing-ing?  
 Love com-mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?  
 things are mine since I am Christ's— how can I keep from sing-ing?

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Office Emails**—if you haven't already noticed, we have new office emails. We will no longer be using [thefederatedchurch@frontier.com](mailto:thefederatedchurch@frontier.com) or [reveric.federated@gmail.com](mailto:reveric.federated@gmail.com). Please delete them from your Contacts, and add:

Office: [office@fedsycamore.org](mailto:office@fedsycamore.org)

Pastor Eric: [reveric@fedsycamore.org](mailto:reveric@fedsycamore.org)

*If you haven't been receiving our weekly emails, check your "Junk" or "Spam" folders.*

**LENT:** [Click here](#) to see our upcoming Lenten opportunities on our website, including a Book Discussion and a weekly Devotional Discussion group.

## 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.