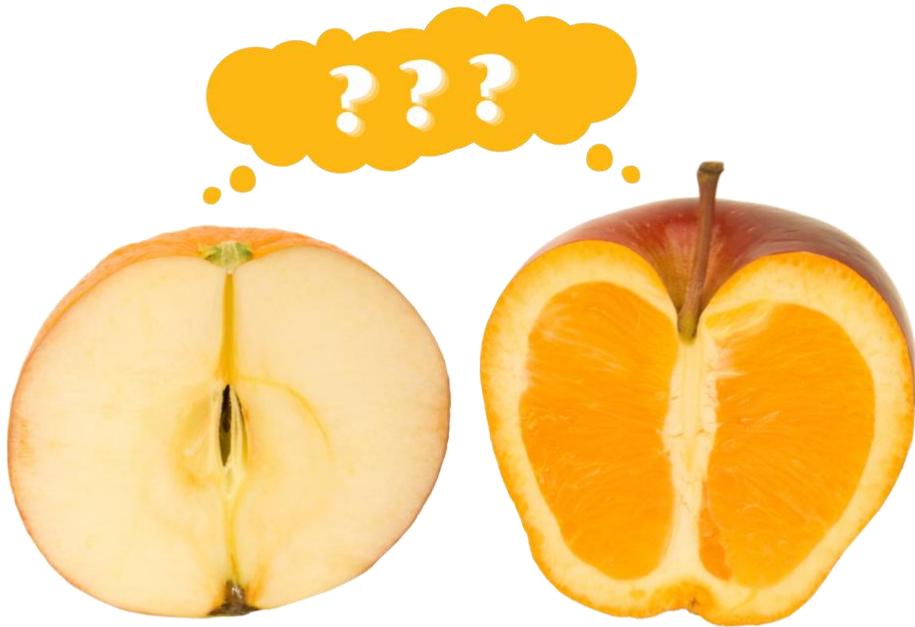


The Federated Church

United Church of Christ + Unitarian Universalist Association



IDENTITY CRISIS

knowing who you are & whose you are

February 7, 2021 | 10:00am

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Passing the Peace

Gathering Hymn “For Everyone Born” vv. 1-3 (p. 3)

Centering Moment

Prayer of Confession & Illumination

“Belonging to God in Christ” means resisting words, actions, policies, cultural attitudes, etc. that diminish life in any way. Have you ever risked speaking up in the face of such things? What happened? What did it feel like? Have you ever felt like you should speak up but didn’t? What did that feel like?

In Matthew 10, Jesus says: “Whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.” How does speaking up in such moments carry the risk of “losing your life”? How, at the same time, is it the path to “finding / saving our lives.”

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 [Galatians 2:1, 9-16, 19-20; 3:27-29](#)

Sermon “Love, Conflict & Unity: Who Will We Choose to Become?”

Musical Meditation

Holy Communion

Invitation & Sung Response “For Everyone Born” verse 5

Words of Institution & Sharing Bread & Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our Common Life

Sending Hymn “Sing a New World Into Being” (p. 5)

Benediction

Postlude

For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
for young and for old, the right to be - long,
for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,



and God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,



God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus - tice and joy!

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,

Bm7 A/C# D D/F# G Em7 F#m7 G E/G# Asus4 A D

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.

D D/F# G(add9) D D/F# G(add9)

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

Sing a New World Into Being



Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful
Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der, class, and
Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less find a
Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient pro - phet's



theme. Find a tune for si - lent yearn - ings. Lend your voice and dare to
race brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em -
home, where no child - ren ev - er hun - ger but are filled in God's sha -
cry for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped



dream: dream a ___ church where all who wor - ship find their lives and loves be -
brace; where the lines that once di - vid - ed form in - stead the ties that
lom; where all ___ peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all ___ hate and ven - geance
dry; when com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour - ing balm for all who



long. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!
bind. Sing a new world in - to be - ing; risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!
cease. Sing a new world in - to be - ing; raise the har - mo - nies of peace.
grieve. Sing a new world in - to be - ing; live the pro - mise you be - lieve!

WORSHIP NOTES

“*For Everyone Born*” is composed by Shirley Erena Murray

“*Ground and Source of All that Is*” is composed by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

“*Sing a New World Into Being*” is written by Mary Louise Bringle

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Office Emails—if you haven’t already noticed, we have new office emails.

We will no longer be using thefederatedchurch@frontier.com or reveric.federated@gmail.com. Please delete them from your Contacts, and add:

Office: office@fedsycamore.org

Pastor Eric: reveric@fedsycamore.org

If you haven’t been receiving our weekly emails, check your “Junk” or “Spam” folders.

LENT: (Virtual) Ash Wednesday service, February 17, 7pm via Facebook Live.

Watch for more info the weekly email, or click below.

[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.