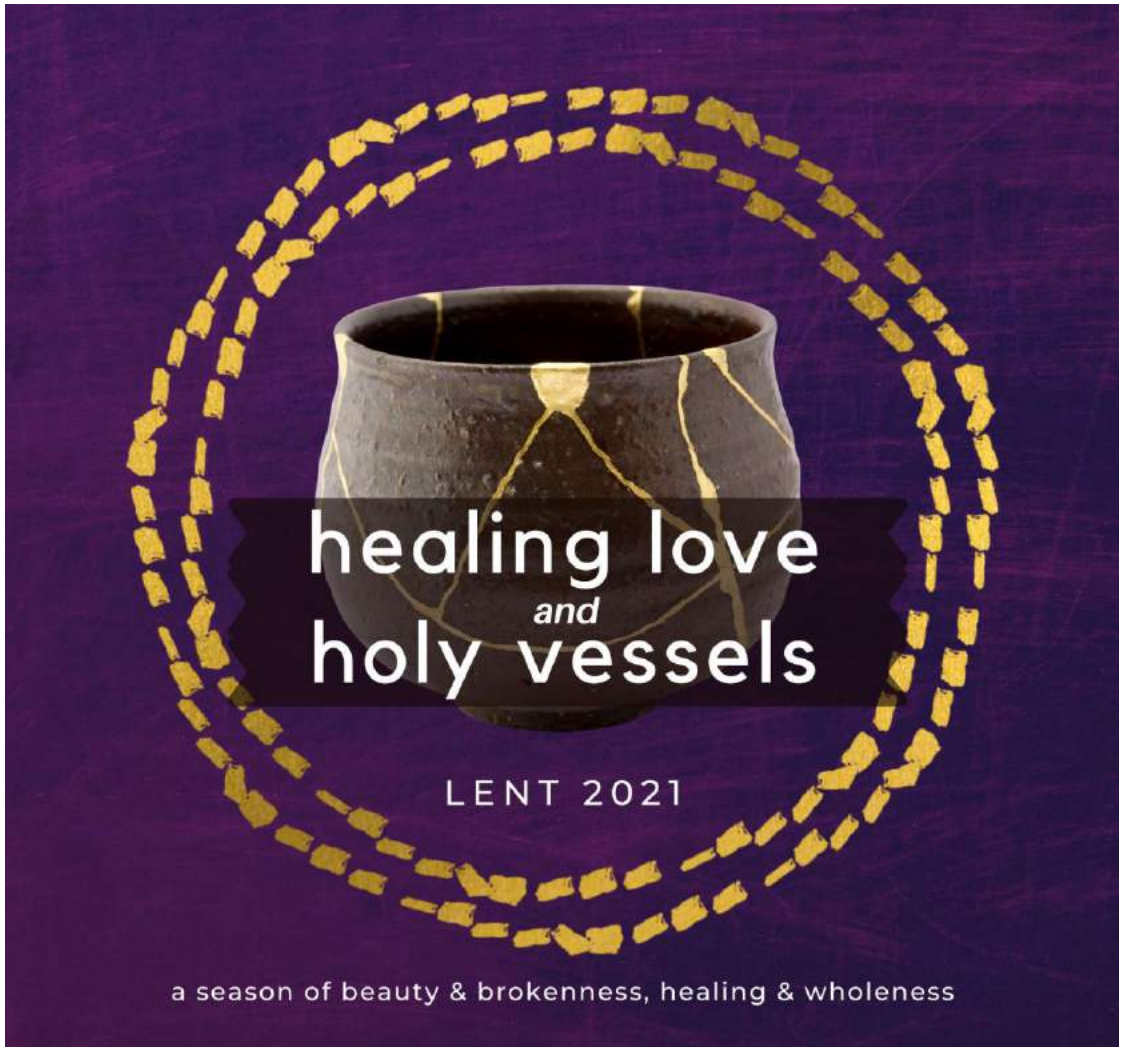


The Federated Church

United Church of Christ † Unitarian Universalist Association



healing love
and
holy vessels

LENT 2021

a season of beauty & brokenness, healing & wholeness

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 21, 2021 | 10:00am

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Passing the Peace

Gathering Hymn “Great Is Your Faithfulness” (p. 3)

Centering Moment

Prayer of Confession & Repentance

“A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves... And the disciples woke Jesus up, saying, ‘Lord, save us! We are perishing!’ And Jesus said to them, ‘Why are you afraid, you of little faith?’” ~ Matthew 8:24-25

Fear and anxiety are natural and inevitable; most often, they elicit a “fight, flight, or freeze” response. In contrast, our faith invites us to respond with courage and trust as we face what is before us in ways that can bring true healing and peace.

Have you ever responded to life’s storms like the disciples (with “little faith”): despairing that all hope is lost and there is no future, or simply waiting for God to fix things? How does faith *empower* you to actively face your fears amidst the storms of life? How does faith give you the *courage* to still the storms of our world, rather than withdrawing from them? How are we creating a new future by doing so?

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 [Psalm 24:1-2; 104:24-31 & Matthew 8:18-27](#)

Sermon “For the Healing All Creation”

Musical Meditation “In Christ Alone” *Solo by Phil Eubanks*


Our Common Life

Sending Hymn “Don’t Tell Me Of A Faith That Fears” vv.1, 2, 5 (p. 5)


Benediction

Postlude


Great Is Your Faithfulness




1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,



with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

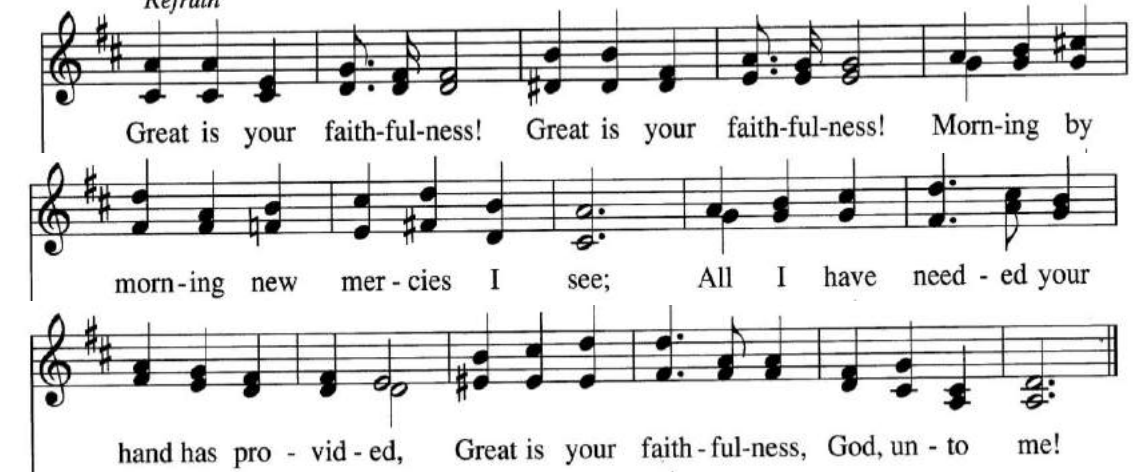


You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

Refrain



Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
morn-ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed your
hand has pro - vid - ed, Great is your faith - ful - ness, God, un - to me!

Come Healing



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

18



pro-mises you ne - ver dared to vow.____ The splin-ters that you car-ried,___ 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



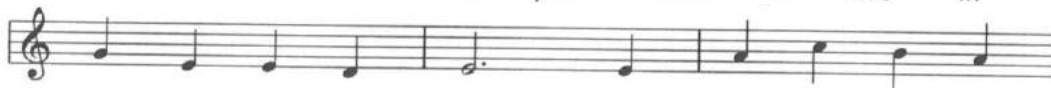
hear it_____ the pen - i - ten - tial hymn. Come the heal - ing of the spi - rit.____ Come heal - ing of the limb.____

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Don't Tell Me Of A Faith That Fears



1. Don't tell me of a faith that fears to
 2. Don't speak of pi - e - ty and prayers di -
 3. Don't sate my soul with com - mon sense dis -
 4. Don't set the cross be - fore my eyes un -
 5. So let the Gos - pel come a - live in



face the world a - round; don't dull my mind with
 vorced from hu - man need; don't talk of spi - rit
 tilled from a - ges past, in - ept for those who
 less you tell the truth of how the Lord who
 ac - tions plain to see, in im - i - ta - tion



fick - le thoughts of grace with - out a ground.
 with - out flesh like har - vest with - out seed.
 fear the world's a - bout to breathe its last.
 finds the lost was of - ten found un - couth.
 of the one whose love ex - tends to me.



I NEED TO KNOW THAT GOD IS REAL, I



NEED TO KNOW THAT CHRIST CAN FEEL THE NEED TO TOUCH AND



LOVE AND HEAL THE WORLD, IN - CLU - DING ME.

WORSHIP NOTES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Our New Office & Communications Administrator

On March 8th, we welcomed our new Office & Communications Administrator, Laura Wellendorf! Check out this *past* week’s “Keeping us Connected” email to “meet” her!

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.

“Welcoming Any, Loving All”

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