

The Federated Church

United Church of Christ + Unitarian Universalist Association



People of The Way



A SEASON OF RESURRECTION

April 25, 2021 | 10:00am

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

— *Jesus, John 20:21*

“May Jesus be the Way you walk,
the Truth you follow, the Life you lead”

— *Mother Teresa of Calcutta*
paraphrasing John 14:6

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Passing the Peace

Gathering Hymn “O God in Whom All Life Begins” (p. 4)

Centering Moment

Prayer of Confession & Repentance

*“Caminante, son tus huellas / El camino y nada mas;
Caminante, no hay camino / Se hace camino al andar”
Traveler, your footprints are the road, and nothing more;
Traveler, there is no road; we make the road by walking*

~ excerpt from “Traveler, There Is No Road,” a poem by Antonio Machado

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 “God, We Take These Steps” (p. 5)

Scripture Jeremiah 20:1-3, 7-9; Acts 4:1-22

Sung Response “I Shall Praise You, O God” vv. 1 & 4 (p. 5)

Sermon “Picking Up Where Jesus Left Off”

Musical Meditation


Our Common Life

Sending Hymn “Lead on Eternal Sovereign” (p. 6)


Benediction

Postlude

O God in Whom All Life Begins



1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
 3 Through tears and laugh - ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.



Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray,



de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Carl P. Daw, Jr., is an Episcopal priest who began hymnwriting while serving on the text committee for The Hymnal 1982. He has held academic positions at the College of William and Mary and the University of Connecticut, where he was also vicar-chaplain.

Tune: NOEL C.M.D.
 Traditional English melody
 Arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874

God, We Take These Steps



God, we take these steps in our bro-ken-ness. Help us know this hour just how claimed we are

I Shall Praise You, O God



1. I shall praise you, O God, from my soul, _____ I shall
 2. I shall bow down be - fore hea-ven's throne, _____ I shall
 3. Lord, your pro - mise is raised a - bove heaven, _____ Lord, your
 4. Let the rul - ers of earth know your name, _____ let the



praise you, O God, from my soul; _____ though my
 bow down be - fore hea-ven's throne; _____ and with
 pro - mise is raised a - bove heaven; _____ you re -
 rul - ers of earth know your name; _____ let them




song be at odds with the will of earth - ly gods, I shall
 joy I'll con - fess your great love and faith - ful - ness. I shall
 plied to my plea, giv - ing hope and strength to me. Lord, your
 learn of your ways and res - pond in fear and praise. Let the

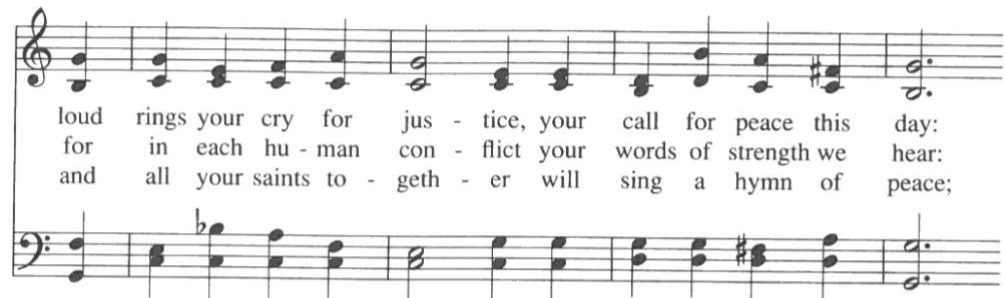


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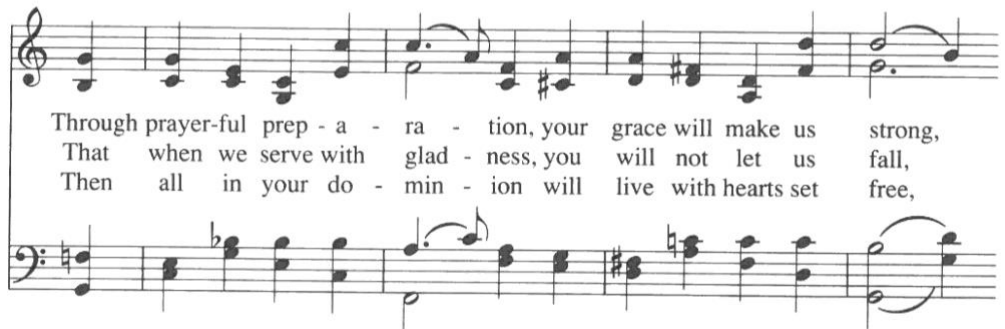
Lead on Eternal Sovereign



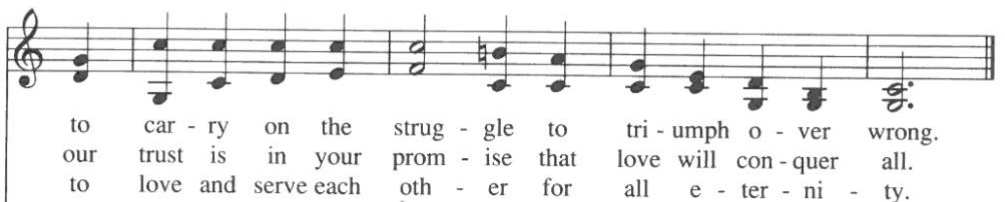
1 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low in your way;
 2 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low not with fear,
 3 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,



loud rings your cry for jus - tice, your call for peace this day:
 for in each hu - man con - flict your words of strength we hear:
 and all your saints to - geth - er will sing a hymn of peace;



Through prayer-ful prep - a - ra - tion, your grace will make us strong,
 That when we serve with glad - ness, you will not let us fall,
 Then all in your do - min - ion will live with hearts set free,



to car - ry on the strug - gle to tri - umph o - ver wrong.
 our trust is in your prom - ise that love will con - quer all.
 to love and serve each oth - er for all e - ter - ni - ty.

At Andover Seminary, fellow students asked Ernest W. Shurtleff to write a hymn for their graduation. This is the result. Shurtleff became a Congregational minister and in his last years established churches in Europe and did relief work during World War I.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
 Henry T. Smart, 1836

***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 everyone can both be and discover more fully 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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