

The Federated Church

United Church of Christ ☐ *Unitarian Universalist Association*



People of The Way



A SEASON OF RESURRECTION

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“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 “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” v (p. 4)

Centering Moment

Prayer of Confession & Repentance

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 “Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New” (p. 5)

Scripture [Acts 4:23-24a, 31-37, 5:12-16 & 1 John 3:16-24](#)

Sermon “God’s Economy” – *or* – “The Way of Downward Mobility”

Musical Meditation

Holy Communion

Invitation & Sung Response “When at This Table” vv. 1-3, 5 (p.5)

Words of Institution

Sharing Bread & Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

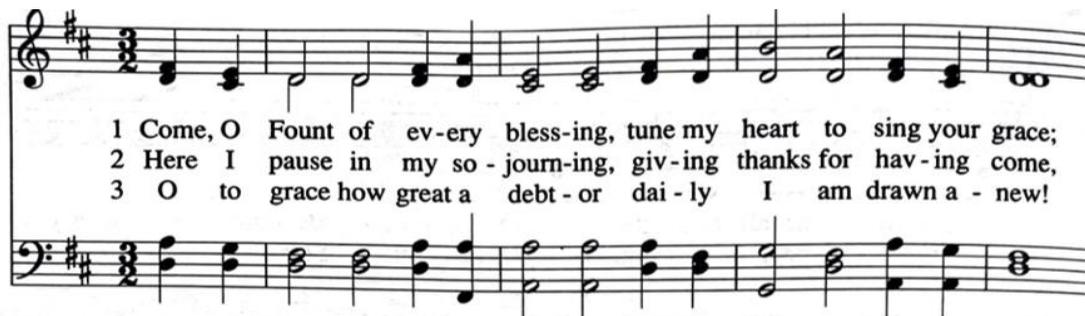
Our Common Life

Sending Hymn “We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky” (p. 6)

Benediction

Postlude

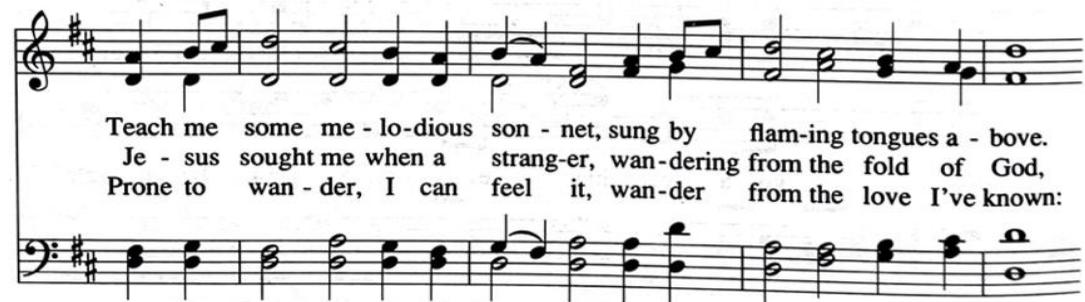
Come, O Fount of Every Blessing



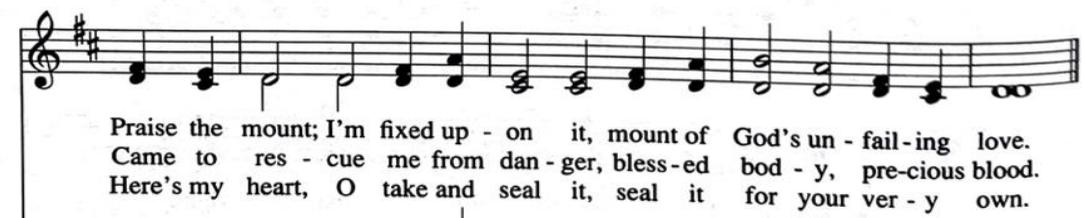
1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
2 Here I pause in my so - journing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless - ed bod - y, pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New



Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, be - gin - ning with you, and
hold, be - hold, I make all things new, my pro - mise is true, for



start - ing from to - day. Be -



I am Christ the way.

When at This Table



1 When at this ta - ble I re - ceive a bless - ing,
2 If at this ta - ble I have need of heal - ing,
3 If at this ta - ble I for - get the hun - gry,
4 If at this ta - ble I make ded - i - ca - tion
5 What faith I have, I bring to ioin this ta - ble,



the bro - ken bread, the wine of life for me,
un - bid - den grief, re - la - tion - ship gone wrong,
the dis - pos - sessed and war - fare's spread - ing stain,
to give my life in serv - ing what is good,
what hope I hold, in Christ is taught and true:



then let me share the peace with you, my neigh - bor,
then let me know the hands of God en - fold - ing,
then let this bread be - come the bread of judg - ment,
then let my cen - ter be where God in - vites me,
with broth - ers, sis - ters, I will share the bless - ing,



and let the Spir - it set our spir - its free.
and let la - ment be - come be - liev - ing song.
this wine the sharp a - ware - ness of that pain.
and show the words of Je - sus un - der - stood.
the feast where God is mak - ing all things new.

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky



1 We can-not own the sun-lit sky, the moon, the wild-flowers
 2 When bod-ies shiv-er in the night and, wea-ry, wait for
 3 God calls hu-man-i-ty to join as part-ners in cre-



grow-ing, for we are part of all that is with-
 morn-ing, when chil-dren have no bread but tears, and
 a-ting a fu-ture free from want or fear, life's



in life's riv-er flow-ing. With o-pen hands re-
 war-horns sound their warn-ing, God calls hu-man-i-
 good-ness cel-e-brat-ing. That new world beck-ons



ceive and share the gifts of God's cre-a-tion, that
 ty to wake, to join in com-mon la-bor, that
 from a-far, in-vites our shared en-deav-or, that



all may have a-bun-dant life in ev-ery earth-ly na-tion.
 all may have a-bun-dant life in one-ness with their neigh-bor.
 all may have a-bun-dant life and peace en-dure for-ev-er.

Ruth Duck wrote this text while she was serving as a corporate member of the United Church Board for World Ministries. In it, she wanted to "emphasize humanity's shared partnership with God in caring for one another and the whole creation."

Tune: ENDLESS SONG 8.7.8.7.D.
 Attrib. to Robert Lowry in Bright Jewel
 for the Sunday School, New York, 186

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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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