

The Federated Church

United Church of Christ ⑤ 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 “All Are Welcome” (p. 4)

Centering Moment

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.... I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

~John 15:9-13

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.

Special Music

“A Mother's Love”

Solo by Gary Mattin

Scripture Ephesians 2:14-16; Acts 8:26-40

Sung Response “For Everyone Born” verse 5 (p. 5)

Sermon “The Way of Radical Welcome”

Musical Meditation

Our Common Life

Sending Hymn “Will You Come and Follow Me?” (p. 6)

Benediction

Postlude

All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly — live, a —
2. Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and — true, where
3. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and — stone to —
4. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions heard and —



place where saints and chil - dren tell low hearts learn to for - give.
 all God's chil - dren dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new.
 heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
 loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as words with - in the Word.



Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
 Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym bol of God's grace:
 Here the out cast and the strang - er bear the im age of God's face;
 Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,



— All are wel - come, wel - come in — this place, all in - vit - ed — to



come and know — God's grace, all are wel - come, the love of Christ to feel, — 'cause



all of us — are wel - come. here, — all are wel - come in this place.

For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, 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,
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

Refrain



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!

Will You Come and Follow Me



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
3. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
- 4 God, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, — will you let my name be known, —
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare — should your life at - tract or scare? —
 Will you use the faith you've found — to re - shape the world a - round, —
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go — where your love and foot - steps show. —



— will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 — Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 — through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 — Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

***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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