

The Federated Church

United Church of Christ + Unitarian Universalist Association



People of The Way



A SEASON OF RESURRECTION

June 13, 2021 | 10:00am

Centering Reflection:

“If I have all faith... but do not love, I am nothing. ... Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.”

~1 Corinthians 13

As we return to our sanctuary, worship will necessarily look and feel different. While we may have grown accustomed to sitting in “our” pew over the years, ushers will be seating us as we arrive and will be unable to give any special preference to where you are seated. We are also still requiring masks in the building, even if you are vaccinated.

These decisions were not made haphazardly or out of personal preference, but with a desire to do our part as a community to keep each other safe. It is one more way we are trying our best to “love our neighbor as ourselves,” which, as scripture says, “endures all things”—even being inconvenienced at times. ***We invite you to reflect on little ways you can show patience, kindness, generosity and gratitude to our ushers and to each other as we figure out these new patterns and rhythms. Indeed, as Jesus reminds us: “As the Father has sent me, so I now send you” (John 20:21).***

Order of Worship

For those gathered in-person, please remain seated throughout the service.

*All music can be found in the **Black New Century Hymnal**. Instead of singing as you usually would, we invite you to hum or sing under your breath.*

For those gathering online, we invite you to sing along using the music at the end of the bulletin.

Prelude

Welcome & Passing the Peace

For those gathered in-person, we invite you to “pass the peace” by staying in your pew and offering each other a sign of God’s peace.

Gathering Hymn #417 “This is a Day of New Beginnings” (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 “This is a Day of New Beginnings” *final verse* (p. 4)

Scripture Acts 8:1b-3, 9:1-21a

Sermon “Repentance: The Way of Absurdity”

Our Shared Life & Offering

Musical Meditation

Announcements

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that Love has done.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Sending Hymn #423 “Great Is Your Faithfulness” (p. 5)

Benediction

Postlude

While the postlude plays, ushers will release you one row at a time, beginning in the back. Please do not leave until directed. Please also refrain from gathering in the back of the sanctuary. Instead, we invite you to gather outside on the church lawn for fellowship and conversation, or, if you prefer to remain inside for conversation you can do so in Dutton Hall—but please remember that you are required to keep your mask on over your nose and mouth while inside. Thank you! We look forward to seeing you again!

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:

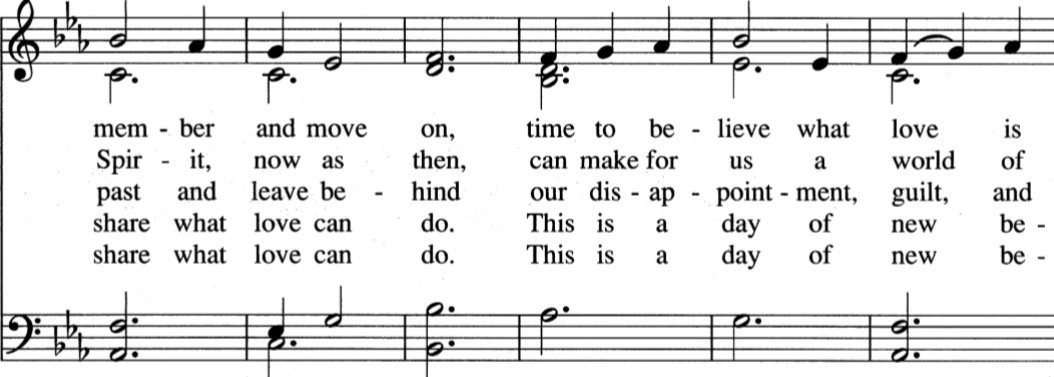
Welcome all people of every age, gender, race, national origin, faith expression, marital status & family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, physical ability, mental or emotional condition, economic and social status, and educational background to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings, and joys of our church family.

This is a Day of New Beginnings

Unison



1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and
 * In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and

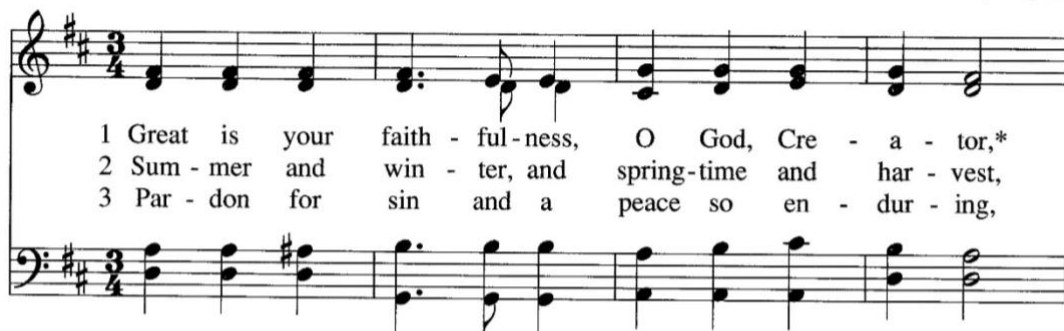


mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is
 Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of
 past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -
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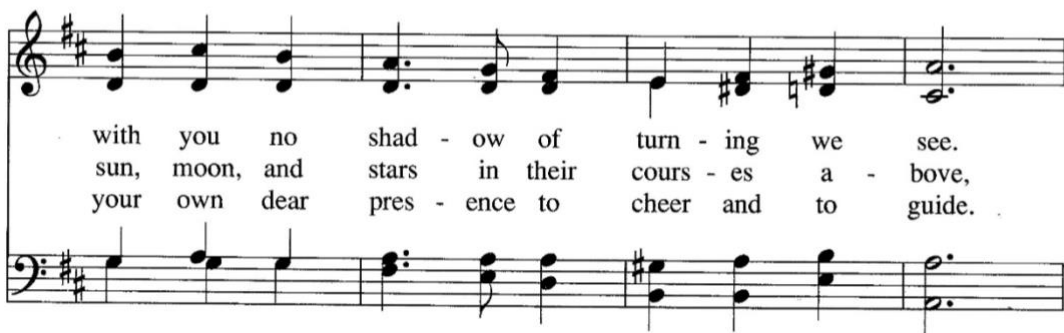


bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.
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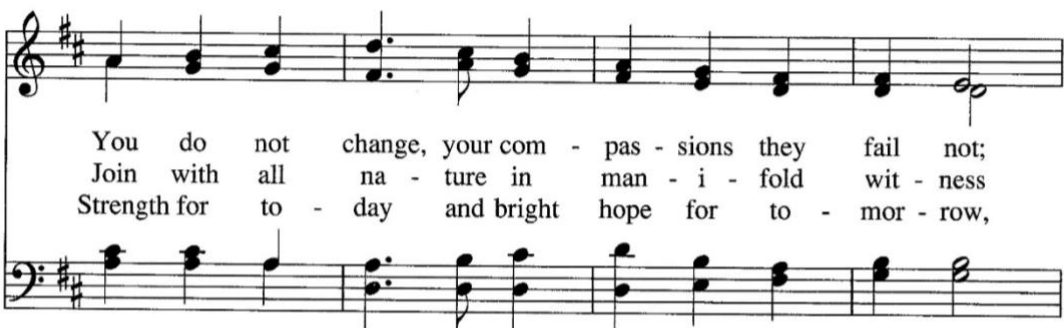
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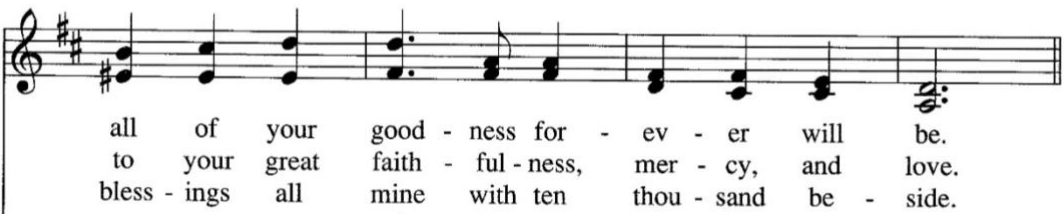
1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,



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.

“Welcoming Any, Loving All”

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