

The Federated Church

United Church of Christ + Unitarian Universalist Association



A SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP

October 10, 2021 | 10:00am

Order of Worship

*All music is from the **Black New Century Hymnal** in your pew back, unless noted otherwise.*

Prelude

Welcome & Passing the Peace

Gathering Hymns “Here I am, Lord” (p.5)

Centering Moment

“Who knows? Perhaps you were born for such a time as this.” ~ Esther 4:14

Silent Prayer of 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 Response “Here I am, Lord” *refrain* (p.5)

Scripture

Esther 4:1-17

Sermon

“A Church for Such a Time as This”

Musical Meditation

Our Shared Life & Offering

Stewardship Testimony

Dave Juday

Announcements

Offertory

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

Benediction

Postlude

While the postlude plays, ushers will release you one row at a time, beginning in the back.

WORSHIP NOTES

Those serving us this morning are:

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Ogi | **Ministers:** All of us! | **Director of Music:** Gary Mattin
Liturgist: Pam Kitterman | **Ushers:** Roger Jacobson, Gip Seaver, Judy Winter & Ruth Olle. *Those scheduled to usher next Sunday: Nate & Pam Kitterman, Linda Mason & Allison Stahl.*

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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 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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Here I am, Lord

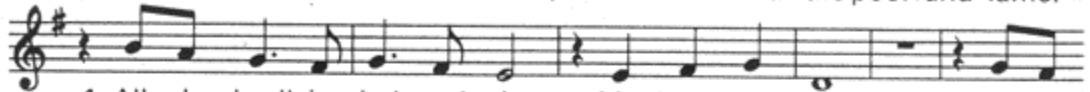
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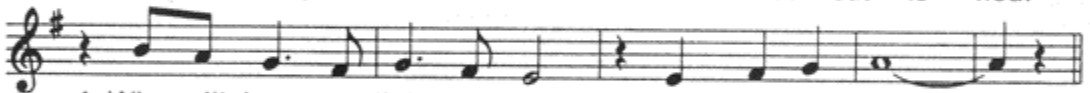
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who
2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est

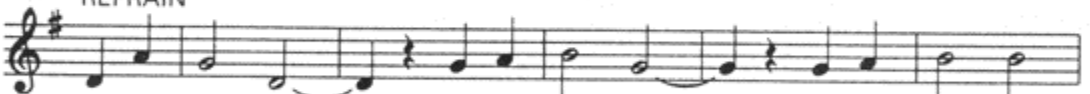


1. made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
3. bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

REFRAIN



Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have heard you



call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____ if you



lead me. _____ I will hold your peo-ple in my heart. _____

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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.