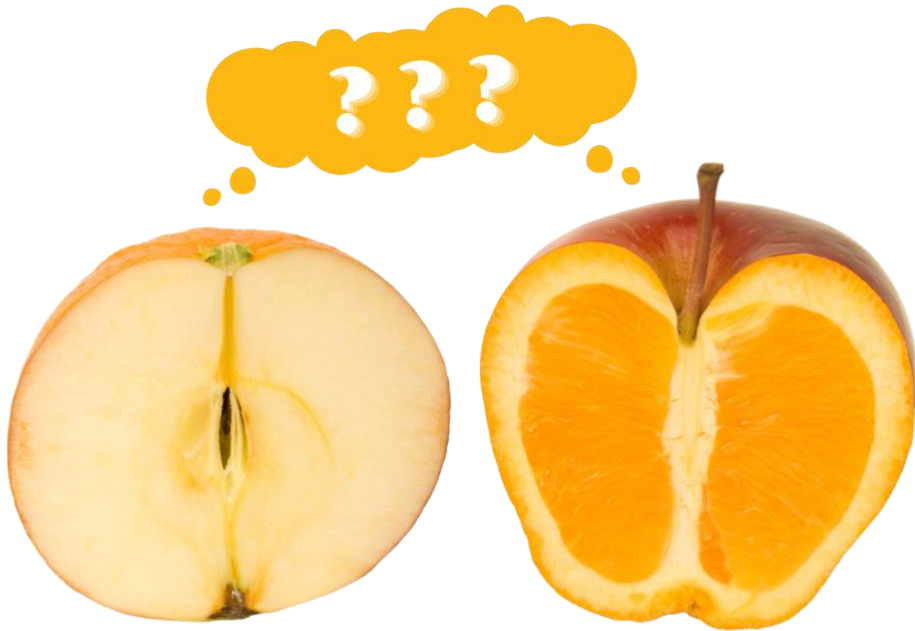


The Federated Church

United Church of Christ † Unitarian Universalist Association



IDENTITY CRISIS

knowing who you are & whose you are

January 24, 2021 | 10:00am

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Passing the Peace

Gathering Hymn “All Are Welcome” (p. 3)

Centering Moment

Prayer of Confession & Illumination

“Belonging to God in Christ” means resisting words, actions, policies, cultural attitudes, etc. that diminish life in any way. Have you ever risked speaking up in the face of such things? What happened? What did it feel like? Have you ever felt like you should speak up and didn’t? What did that feel like?

In this morning’s Gospel, Jesus says: “Whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.” When you risked speaking up (“losing your life,”) how did you also “find your life”? When you didn’t speak up, how did you also “lose your life”?

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 “Ground and Source of All that Is” vv. 1 & 5 (p. 4)

Scripture [Jeremiah 6:13-15 & Matthew 10:24-27, 34-39](#)

Sermon “Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?”

Musical Meditation

Our Common Life see p. 6 for announcements

Sending Hymn “God of Love, We’ve Known Division” (p. 5)

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 how_ 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 s_ 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.

Ground and Source of All That Is

Ground and source of all that is, one that an - chors all our roots,
 Lov - er of ten thou - sand names, ho - ly pres - ence all have known,
 Nat - ure by whose laws we live, au - thor of our d - n - a,
 En - er - gy of heav'n - ly spheres, spark with - in the in - sect mind,
 Call to kind - ness, call to serve, free - dom for our chos - en course,

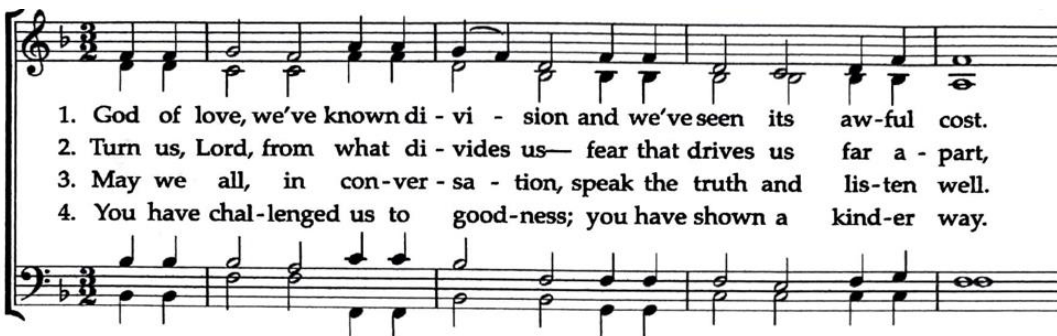
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Be - ing of all ways and forms, deep - est home and fi - nal truth.
 Beau - ty ev - er wel - com - ing, my - ster - y to stir the soul.
 All - com - pel - ling call to life, draw - ing one and all the same.
 Un - seen pulse to charge our plans, bring - ing or - der and sur - prise.
 Guide and friend for all who dream, nour - ished by our ground and source.

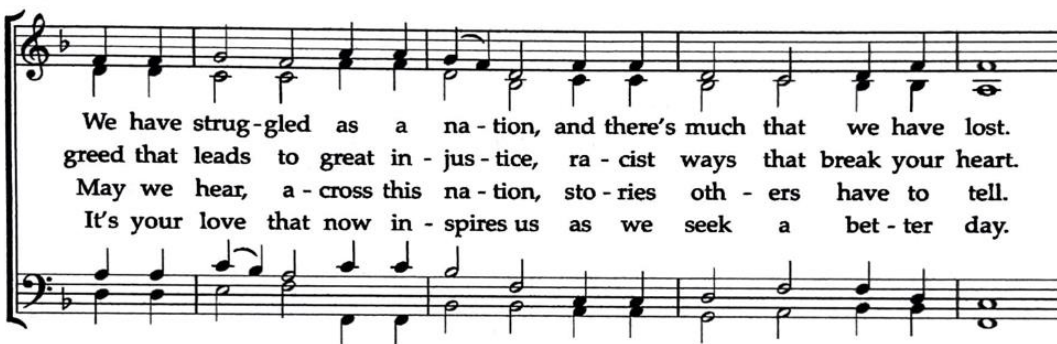
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We live and move in you. We live and move in you.

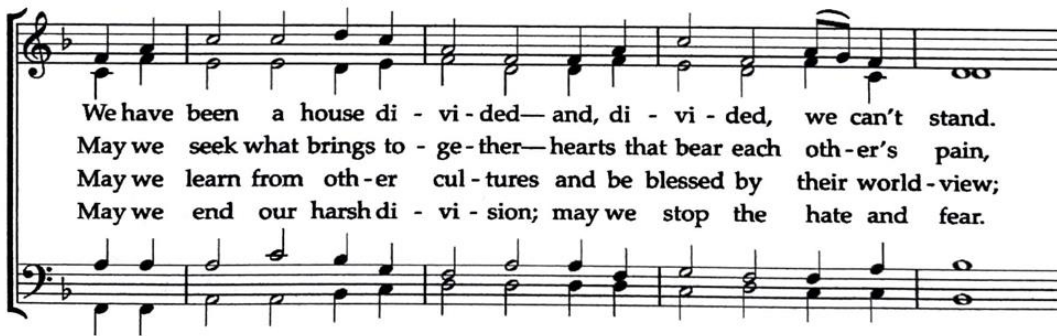
God of Love, We've Known Division



1. God of love, we've known di - vi - sion and we've seen its aw-ful cost.
2. Turn us, Lord, from what di - vides us— fear that drives us far a - part,
3. May we all, in con-ver - sa - tion, speak the truth and lis-ten well.
4. You have chal-lenged us to good-ness; you have shown a kind-er way.



We have strug-gled as a na - tion, and there's much that we have lost.
greed that leads to great in - jus - tice, ra - cist ways that break your heart.
May we hear, a - cross this na - tion, sto - ries oth - ers have to tell.
It's your love that now in - spires us as we seek a bet - ter day.



We have been a house di - vi - ded— and, di - vi - ded, we can't stand.
May we seek what brings to - ge - ther— hearts that bear each oth - er's pain,
May we learn from oth - er cul - tures and be blessed by their world - view;
May we end our harsh di - vi - sion; may we stop the hate and fear.



May our na - tion be u - ni - ted; give us peace through - out this land.
care and mer - cy toward our neigh - bors, love that wel - comes stran - gers in.
May we serve with one a - noth - er— lov - ing oth - ers, lov - ing you.
Make us one, Lord, as a na - tion; may we be u - ni - ted here.

WORSHIP NOTES

“*All Are Welcome*” is composed by Mark Miller and Marty Haugen

“*Ground and Source of All that Is*” is composed by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

“*God of Love, We’ve Known Division*” is composed by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, with harmonization by Christopher Gage

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting

TODAY at noon via Zoom ([click to join](#)) we will hold our Annual Meeting in order to vote on the 2021 budget as well as to consider and then vote on proposed changes to the Constitution. Instructions for participating were sent out in the weekly email (*Keeping Us Connected*) as well as this morning (*Call to Worship*). A PDF of the Yearbook was also sent out in both emails, in addition to being available as a hard copy to be picked up at church.

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.