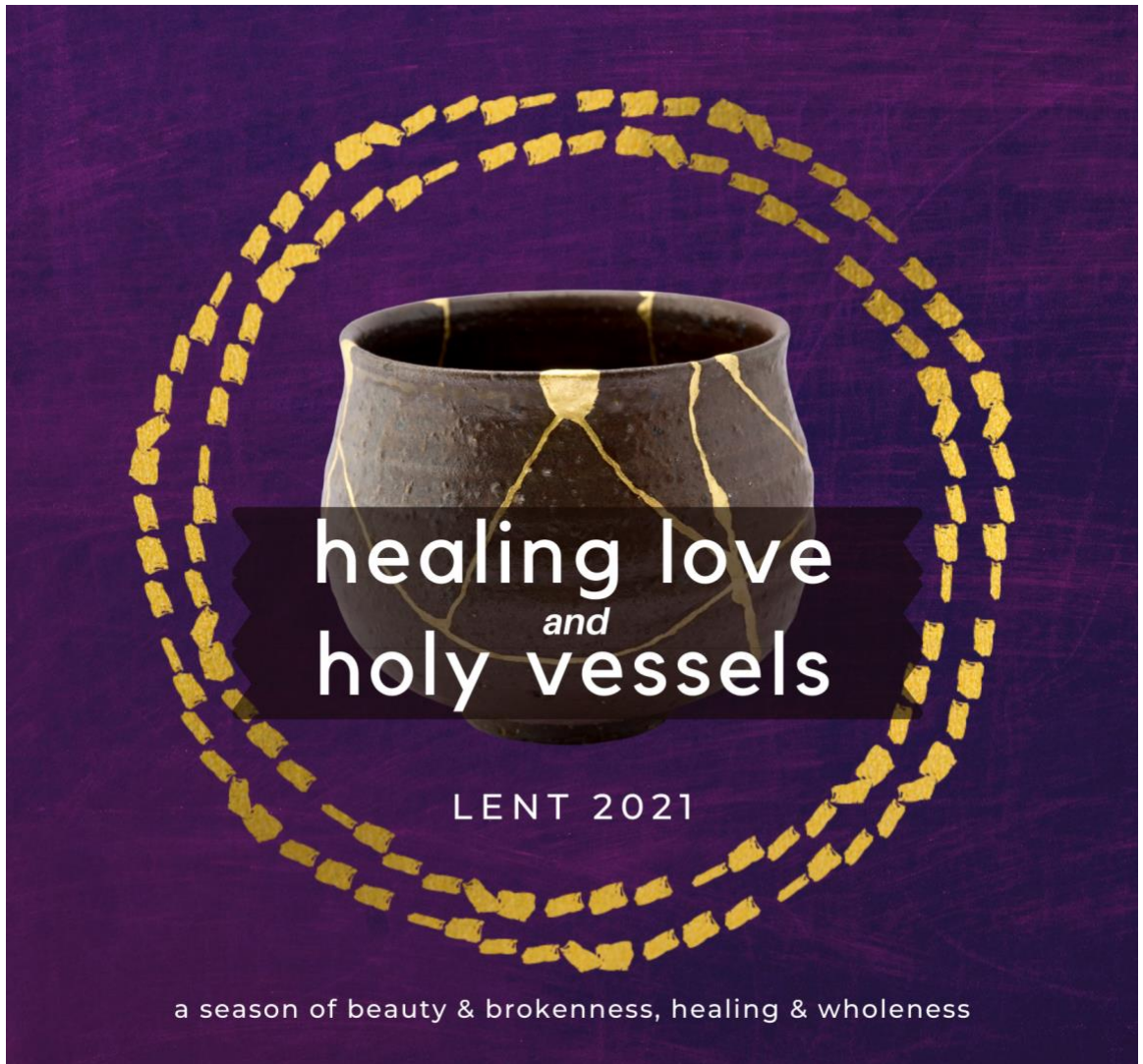


# The Federated Church

*United Church of Christ † Unitarian Universalist Association*



**February 28, 2021 | 10:00am**

# Order of Worship

## Prelude

## Welcome & Passing the Peace

**Gathering Hymn** “I Want Jesus to Go With Me” (p. 3)

## Centering Moment

### Prayer of Confession & Repentance

*“For Christ is our peace; in his flesh he has made [different] groups into one; thus he has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.”*

*~ Ephesians 2:14*

*Think of a prejudice you grew up with—a judgment of a group of people about whom you knew little to nothing. How has God called you beyond these prejudices? How did that journey involve confronting & transcending invisible but well-known social boundaries / dividing walls / hostilities? How were you changed? How might God be calling you on this journey today?*

### 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** “Come Healing” (p. 4)

**Scripture** [2 Samuel 5:1-2, 6-9; Matthew 8:1-4, 16-17](#)

**Sermon** “Exclusion & Embrace: Healing Our Collective Body”

## Musical Meditation

## Our Common Life

**Sending Hymn** “O God, How We Have Wandered” (p. 5)

## Benediction

## Postlude

# I Want Jesus to Go With Me

*Unison*



1 I want Je - sus to go with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, O com - fort me;  
 3 In my trou - ble.s, O stay with me;



I want Je - sus to go with me;  
 In my tri - als, O com - fort me;  
 In my trou - ble.s, O stay with me;



All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 When my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 When my head is bowed in sor - row,



O I want Je - sus to go with me.  
 O I want Je - sus to com - fort me.  
 O I want Je - sus to stay with me.

*Most spirituals were congregational songs, but such "sorrow songs" as this convey the image of a lone person singing prayerfully to God. The solemnity of this particular spiritual reminds us of the oppression and tragedy with which slavery afflicted so many lives.*


Tune: African-American spiritual 8.8.8.9.  
 Harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland  
 and Verolga Nix, 1981

# Come Healing



1. O ga - ther up the bro - kenness and bring it to me now.\_\_\_\_\_ The fra-grance of those

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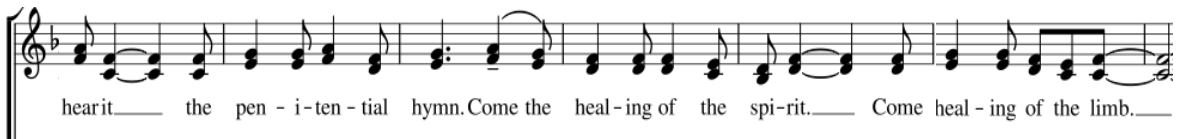


pro-mises you ne - ver dared to vow.\_\_\_\_ The splin-ters that you carried,\_\_\_\_ the cross you left be -

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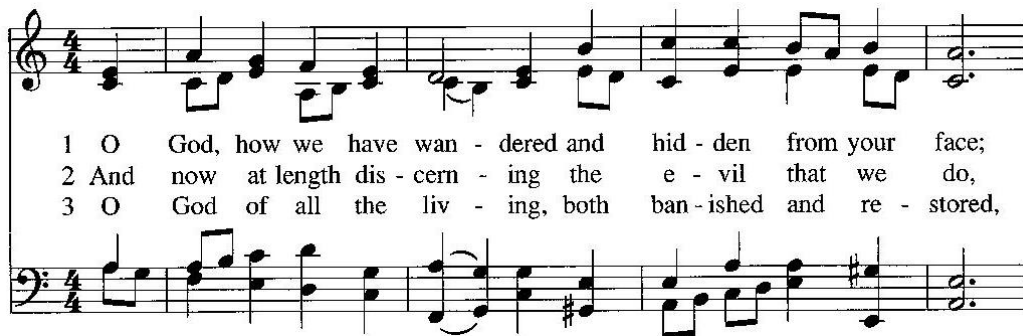
hind. Come\_\_\_\_ heal-ing of the bo-dy.\_\_\_\_ Come heal - ing of the mind.\_\_\_\_ And let the hea - vens



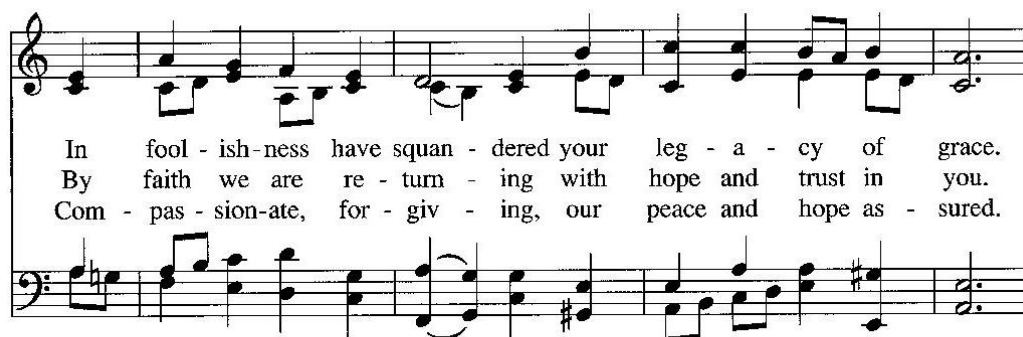
hear it.\_\_\_\_ the pen - i - ten - tial hymn. Come the heal - ing of the spi - rit.\_\_\_\_ Come heal - ing of the limb.\_\_\_\_

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## O God, How We Have Wandered



1 O God, how we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;  
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,  
3 O God of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



In fool - ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.  
By faith we are re - turn - ing with hope and trust in you.  
Com - pas - sion-ate, for - giv - ing, our peace and hope as - sured.



But how, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we turn with fear and shame,  
In haste you come to meet us, and home re - joic - ing bring,  
Grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith-less-ness may cease.



As dis - tant but com - pell - ing, you call us each by name.  
In glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.  
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Office Emails**—if you haven't already noticed, we have new office emails. We will no longer be using [thefederatedchurch@frontier.com](mailto:thefederatedchurch@frontier.com) or [reveric.federated@gmail.com](mailto:reveric.federated@gmail.com). Please delete them from your Contacts, and add:

Office: [office@fedsycamore.org](mailto:office@fedsycamore.org)

Pastor Eric: [reveric@fedsycamore.org](mailto:reveric@fedsycamore.org)

*If you haven't been receiving our weekly emails, check your "Junk" or "Spam" folders.*

**LENT:** [Click here](#) to see our upcoming Lenten opportunities on our website, including a Book Discussion and a weekly Devotional Discussion group.

## 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.