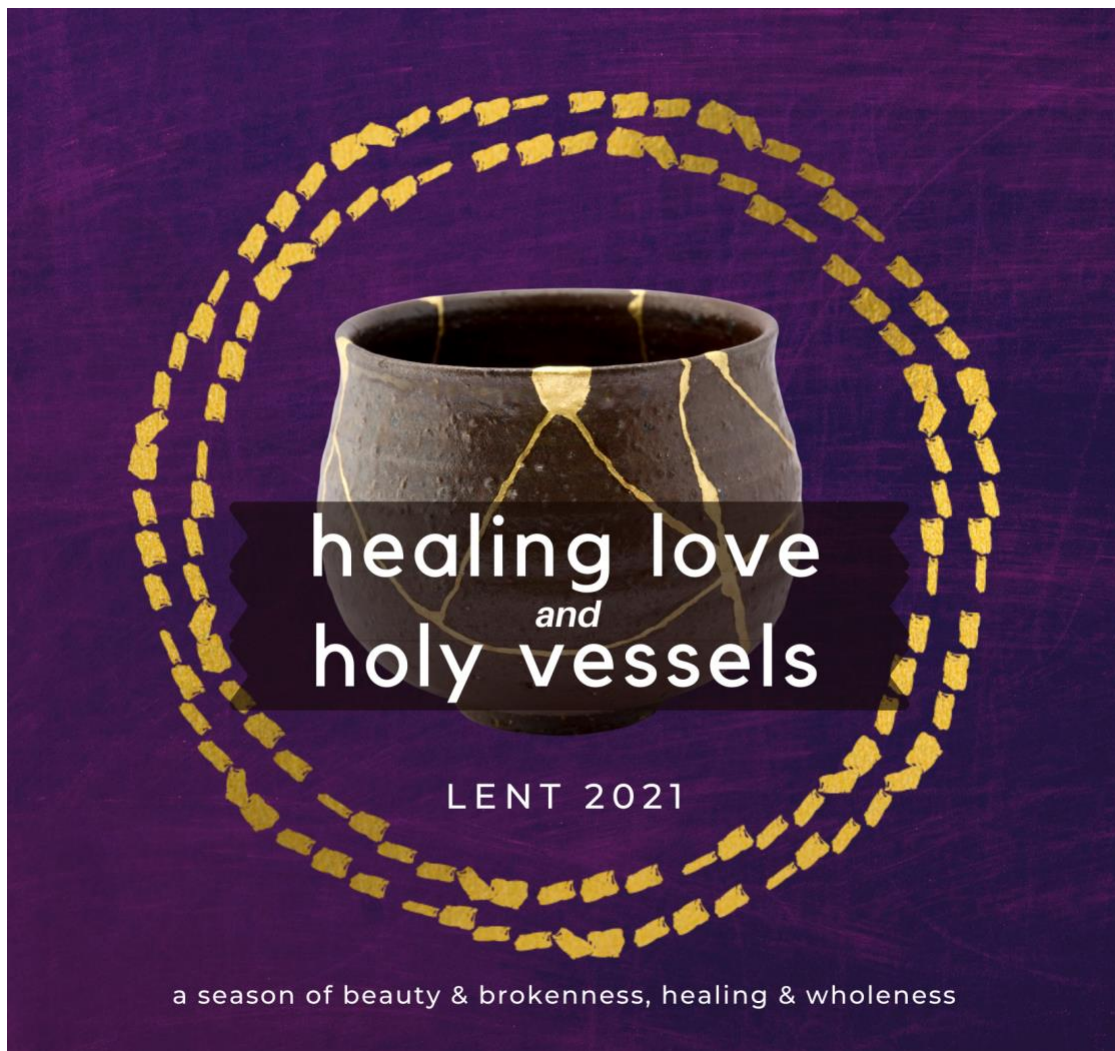


# The Federated Church

*United Church of Christ + Unitarian Universalist Association*



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 14, 2021 | 10:00am**

# Order of Worship

## Prelude

## Welcome & Passing the Peace

## Gathering Hymn “Be Now My Vision” (p. 3)

## Centering Moment

### Prayer of Confession & Repentance

*“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened...” ~ Ephesians 1:18*

*“Though seeing, they do not perceive; though hearing, they do not listen, and so they do not understand... For their heart has grown dull...and they have shut their eyes. ... [If only they would] understand with their heart and turn, I would heal them.” ~ Matthew 13:13-15*

We all have limits, and each of us has a different range of abilities. Importantly, these will change for each of us over time. But, our world stigmatizes some and normalizes others. If you don't think of yourself as having limits or “dis-abilities,” reflect on how Jesus' words in Matthew (above) might apply to you—and pray that “the eyes of your heart may be opened,” with the grace to be aware without being ashamed. If you are constantly being made aware or ashamed of your limits or “dis-abilities,” may you hear Jesus saying to you, as he does in Matthew 9: “Take heart, beloved child; your faith makes you whole.”

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hall owed 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** Matthew 9:1-8; 18-26

**Sermon** “Your Faith Has Made You Whole”

**Musical Meditation** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”  
*Solo by Fe Gould*

## Our Common Life

**Sending Hymn** “This is a Day of New Beginnings” vv.1-4 (p. 5)

## Benediction

## Postlude

## Be Now My Vision

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;  
 2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,  
 4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—  
 ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;  
 you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

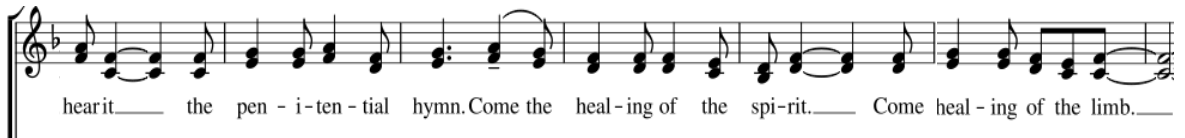
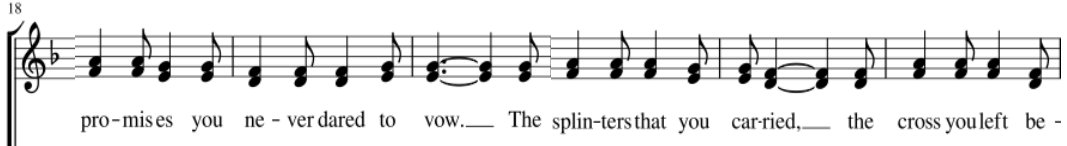
You my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,  
 You and you on - ly are first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.  
 now and for - ev - er your child I will be.  
 great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. David Evans arranged the Irish melody for this text in 1927.*

Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10.  
 Traditional Irish melody  
 Harm. David Evans, 1927

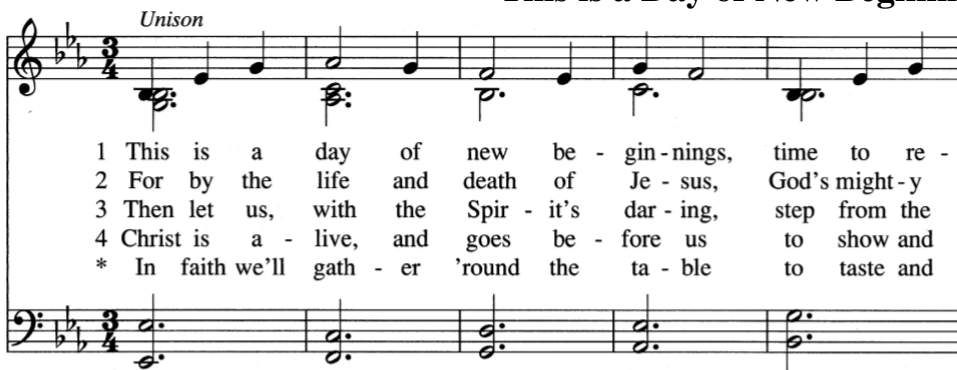
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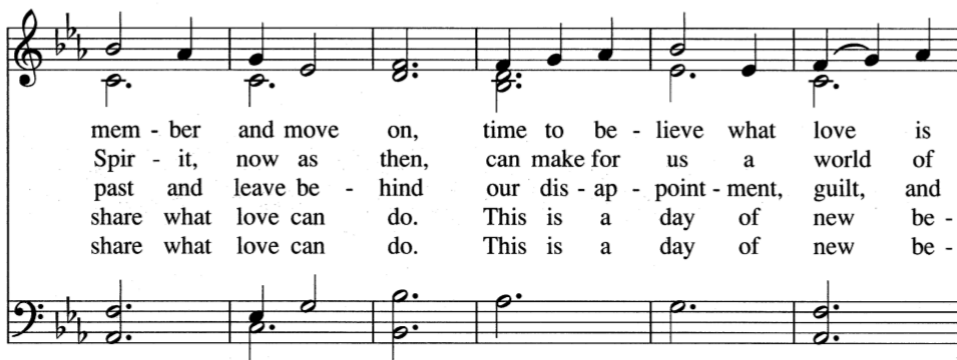
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# This is a Day of New Beginnings

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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\*Alternate fourth stanza for Holy Communion

Brian Wren wrote this hymn in 1978 for a New Year's Day service in Oxford, England. The music is by the editor of two hymnals of the United Methodist Church and was composed for the original Wren text.

Tune: BEGINNINGS 9.8.9.8.  
 Carlton R. Young, 1987

## WORSHIP NOTES

We are so excited to have choir member, Fe Gould, singing a couple of solos for us this morning, accompanied, of course, by Music Director, Gary Mattin.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Pastor Eric's Installation, March 14, 1pm via Zoom**

The Prairie Association of the United Church of Christ along with our own church leadership invites you to join us as we officially "install" Pastor Eric as our Pastor and Teacher at Federated Church. This service would have typically taken place within the first 6-8 months of his ministry here, but has been postponed until now due to the pandemic.

Unlike our usual worship services, which take place via Facebook Live, **this service will take place via Zoom** so that many people will be able to participate in leading the service. Rev. Amelia Edson, one of Pastor Eric's good friends from Harvard Divinity School, will be offering the sermon.

[Click Here to join](#) the Zoom service.

**Meeting ID:** 837 4700 6744

**Passcode:** 292739

### **Welcome to Our New Office & Communications Administrator**

As we say goodbye to our beloved Liz Finney as our Administrative Assistant, we are excited to welcome our new Office & Communications Administrator, Laura Wellendorf! Check out this coming week's "Keeping us Connected" email for a chance to "meet" Laura!

# ***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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