The Federated Church

United Church of Christ *†* Unitarian Universalist Association



A SEASON OF RESURRECTION June 06, 2021 | 10:00am

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." — Jesus, John 20:21

"May Jesus be the Way you walk, the Truth you follow, the Life you lead"

— Mother Teresa of Calcutta paraphrasing John 14:6

Prelude

Welcome & Passing the Peace

Gathering Hymn "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" (p. 4)

Centering Moment

"When the Advocate comes...the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will bear witness on my behalf. You also are to bear witness..."

~ John 15:26-27

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 "Spirit, I Have Heard You Calling" verse 1 (p. 5)

Scripture Leviticus 19:1-2, 33-34; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Acts 7:55-60

Sermon

"Resident Aliens"

Musical Meditation

Holy Communion

Invitation & Sung Response "Walls Mark Our Boundaries" (p.6) Words of Institution Sharing Bread & Cup Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our Common Life

Sending Hymn "God of Love, We've Known Division" (p. 7)

Benediction

Postlude

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



Spirit, I Have Heard You Calling



Walls Mark Our Boundaries

P I Walls mark our bound'-ries and keep us a part; 2 Walls make us sure who is in and who's out; 3 Once we were strang - ers. di - vi - ded, lone. 3 ----Ø, P walls keep the world from our eyes and our heart. walls keep us safe from all ques - tion and doubt, Hate and dis trust built a wall stone by stone. P. p. Ta bles round, mak are ing room for one more, but at ta - ble in 2 0 change pen cx Now at a ta - ble the bread that share we wel com - ing friends we had not known be - fore. So new tics are formed as our lives ar - range. So joins Christ us to in a cir - cle of care. So ----build us a ta ble and tear down the wall! Christ There is is our host. room_ 06 (0) Eb (D) 1.2 Ab (G) DWAL (C) 7. all!. for us 3. Ab (G) E\$7 (D7) Ab (G) D all!

God of Love, We've Known Division



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 everyone can both be and discover more fully 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regathering for in-person Worship, *Sunday, June 13 (next Sunday!)* You should have received a letter last week via email detailing our plan to return to in-person worship (if you're on our email list... if you're not and would like to be, please email Laura in the church office and let her know; her email is below). <u>You can also find it here</u>. For those who are not yet ready or able to attend inperson, we will continue offering the service via Facebook Live.

"Welcoming Any, Loving All"

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