

The Federated Church

United Church of Christ + Unitarian Universalist Association



A SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP

October 17, 2021 | 10:00am

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Passing the Peace

Gathering Hymn "Gather Us In" vv. 1, 2, 4 (p.4)

Centering Moment

"Give, and it will be given to you... for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." ~ Luke 6:38

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 "Prayer of St. Francis"

4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. For
it is in the lov-ing that we find. love It
is in the giv-ing that we re-ceive. And in
dy-ing that we're born a - new

Scripture

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; John 10:1-18 (excerpts)

Sermon

“Why Are We Here?”

Musical Meditation

Our Shared Life & Offering

Stewardship Testimony

Shannon Wilde

Announcements

Sending Hymn “Sing a New World into Being” (p.5)

Benediction

Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Those serving us this morning are:

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Ogi | **Ministers:** All of us! | **Director of Music:** Gary Mattin

Liturgist: Phil Wagener | **Ushers:** Nate & Pam Kitterman, Linda Mason & Allison Stahl.

*Those scheduled to usher next Sunday, **October 17th**, are: Paula von Ende and Skip & Beverly Schramer.*

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Gather Us In



1. Here in this place — new light is stream-ing, now are the shad - ows
 2. We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old, who
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wat - er, here we will take the
 4. Not in the space of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van-ished a - way, see in this space, our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face, we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your chil-dren to - ge - ther
 light years a - way, but here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day. — Gath-er us in, the
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race. — Gath-er us in, the
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth. — Give us to drink the
 now is the kin-dom, now is the day. — Gath-er us in, and



lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, and free us from shame; call to us now, and
 rich and the haught-y, gath-er us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart so
 wine of com pas-sion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and
 hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in, and make us your own, gath-er us in, all



we shall a-wak-en, we shall a-rise at the sound of our name. —
 meek and so low-ly, give us the cour-age to en - ter the song. —
 teach us to fash-ion lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. —
 peop-les to-geth-er, fire — of love in our flesh and our bone. —

Sing a New World Into Being

Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful
Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der, class, and
Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less find a
Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient pro - phet's
them. Find a tune for si - lent yearn - ings. Lend your voice and dare to
race brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em -
home, where no child - ren ev - er hun - ger but are filled in God's sha -
cry for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped
dream: dream a ___ church where all who wor - ship find their lives and loves be -
brace; where the lines that once di - vid - ed form in - stead the ties that
lom; where all ___ peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all ___ hate and ven - geance
dry; when com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour - ing balm for all who
long. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!
bind. Sing a new world in - to be - ing; risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!
cease. Sing a new world in - to be - ing; raise the har - mo - nies of peace.
grieve. Sing a new world in - to be - ing; live the pro - mise you be - lieve!

Text: Mary Louise Bringle. GIA Publications.

Discussion Questions

Knowing Our “WHY”

“Every single person and organization on the planet knows “What” they do. Some know “How” they do it. But very few actually know WHY they do what they do... by which I mean your purpose; WHY does your organization exist? WHY do you get out of bed in the morning?” – Simon Sinek

1. *WHY* do you do what you do? *WHY* do you get out of bed in the morning? Does your faith—or the values of your faith—influence that?
2. Given that there are so many churches out there, *WHY* have you chosen—or do you continue to choose—Federated? *WHY* does it matter whether or not Federated exists? If you feel comfortable, share a defining church moment—positive or negative, here or elsewhere—that speaks to your answer.
3. During the pandemic, we’ve talked a lot about what it means to “be the church.” How has your understanding of “church” changed during the pandemic? What kind of church do you believe our world needs—and God is calling us to be—in this crucial moment? What’s our *WHY* at “*such a time as this.*”

***YOU* ARE WELCOME HERE!**

Federated Church is an Open & Affirming Community. This means that 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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