

THE
Federated Church
OF SYCAMORE



**A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ &
Unitarian Universalist Association**

***YOU* ARE WELCOME HERE!**

A warm WELCOME to those visiting or checking out Federated Church!

We're glad you're here! Are you looking for more information about who we are, what we do, or how to get involved? Fill out our brief online [Connection Form here](#), and we will be in touch with you soon!

Federated Church is an Open & Affirming Community

In these times of deep division, vitriolic rhetoric, and violence against people over issues of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, immigration status, disability, and mental health, Federated Church has formally adopted two covenants guiding our life together:

***We 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.*

***We commit to protecting** our migrant neighbors through acts of sanctuary, solidarity, and justice. We will not stand by in the face of unjust enforcement. We will act, love, and speak as our faith commands—with courage and compassion.*

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.

Order of Worship | April 12, 2026, 10:00 am

*All music can be found at the back of the bulletin. Please join in reading those parts printed in **bold**.*

Prelude "It Is Well with My Soul" *Ville Du Havre/arr. H. Helvey*

Welcome & Passing the Peace

We invite you to like the video and/or say "Hi!" in the comments to let us know you're here.

Gathering Song "Come as You Are" (p.3)

Prayers of the People

Centering Moment

This is your time to center more deeply into the presence of God/Love. Take a slow, deep breath. Open your heart and mind to receive this meditation. Notice the images or phrases that stay with you. Remain present & curious to the feelings brought up in you.

Visual Meditation

*"Death is Only the Beginning"**

Silent Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father/Mother/Parent who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kin(g)dom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Sung Response "With Us" (p.4)

Scripture [John 20:19-31](#)

Sermon "Can You Trust in Resurrection?"

Musical Meditation

Our Shared Life & Offering

Offering Opportunities

Offertory

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that Love has done.
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

Sending Song “Womb of Life, and Source of Being” (see the screen)

Benediction

Postlude

“Everlasting God” *B. Brown & K. Riley/arr. L. Larson*
Thank you for joining us for worship today!

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WORSHIP NOTES

Serving us this morning:

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Ogi | **Ministers:** All of us! | **Music Director:** Gary Mattin
Children’s Church Director: Bill O’Hagan | **Children’s Ministry Support:** Khat Hetland
Liturgist: Donna O’Hagan | **Ushers:** Ruth Olle

Ushers for Sunday, April 19: Pam & Nate Kitterman, Linda Mason, and Allison Stahl
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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Church Leadership for August 2025 – August 2026:

Moderator: Gip Seaver | **Assoc. Moderator:** Bill O’Hagan | **Past Moderator:** Chris Borresen. | *Should you have any questions concerning the church, how to get involved, or who to contact about something, please reach out to one of them or Pastor Eric, and they will get you the information you need or connect you to someone who can.*

Weekly eNews



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eNews & join our email list.

Church Calendar

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to see the church’s
Master Calendar of events



“Come as You Are” by Lenora Rand & The Many

1. Come, you who've been wound-ed, all you who've lost hope.

5 Come, you who are long-ing for what you do not know. 2. Come, you hun-gry for jus-tice.

8 ach-ing for heav-en on earth. Come, you who've been tossed a-side, don't re-

10 *refrain* mem-ber what you're worth. Come as you are. Come you wear-y, come and

12 lay your bur-dens down. Come as you are. Bring your hopes, bring your

14 doubts and your scars. Come as you are.

17 3. Come, you who've been cast out, all you who've been shamed. Come, you who are look-ing for that

20 my-st'ry you can't name. 4. Come, you cry-ing for mer-cy, hop-ing for peace on earth.

23 *to refrain* Come you car-ry-ing ques-tions, all you who've been so hurt.

"With Us" by Emma Ceurvels & Bryan Sirchio

1. Some - times I just
2. Some - times we all

lose my - self. Fear and doubt take hold.
lose our - selves when our fears take hold.

Times when I feel ov - er - whelmed by all that
May we learn this prayer so well it's here when

is un - known. Spir - it come and calm me
need - ed most. Spir - it come and calm us

down. Help my heart find Home. Still my
down Help our hearts find Home. Still our

mind, my fear, my doubt Help me to tr - u - ly
minds, our fears, our doubts Help us to tr - u - ly

know... You are with me, with me,
know... You are with us, with us

Though my eyes may not see How you're hold - ing,
Though our eyes may not see How you're hold - ing,

1. *decresc.*
my life Lov - ing me per - fect - ly.
our lives Lov - ing us per - fect - ly.

2.
Lov - ing us per - fect - ly..

lov - ing us pe - r - fect - ly.

OUR FEDERATED VALUES

We believe in God

At the center of our faith is the surprising, unsettling, and deeply personal God found in the Bible, most profoundly revealed in the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus. At Federated, our primary interest is not merely talking about God but encountering the Mysterious Force at the heart of the universe. This is a God who comforts us where we need to be comforted and challenges us where we've become complacent. This is a God who will not be confined to dogmatic teachings, nor even to the Bible. We believe that we are invited to encounter this God everywhere: in nature, science, one another, and in other religious traditions as well.

We believe each person is on a unique spiritual journey

We value faith as a journey rather than a destination. We recognize that each person is at a different place on their journey, so we focus on “testimonies” of faith rather than “tests” of faith; stories of how we are being transformed, rather than dogmas we must affirm. Here, you are welcome to belong, question, explore, and lead whether you grew up in church and loved it, or you've had a painful relationship with Christianity; you are welcome whether you feel your faith is unshakeable or you're not sure if you believe in God at all. You are welcome to join a community of people “on the way”: encouraging and caring for one another, learning and growing together, and serving alongside each other as we build, in some small way, the world we believe God dreams of.

We believe in building authentic community across our differences

We are an “Open and Affirming” congregation, which is our way of saying that we value diversity. In a time of deep division, we believe it is paramount to gather people across lines of difference—race, class, culture, citizenship status, gender, sexuality, age, and ability—not merely to tolerate each other, but to build authentic relationships and true belonging. We believe the simple but courageous work of showing up in this way is one necessary element in healing our nation and world's deep divisions.

We believe in working for peace through solidarity & justice

At Federated, conversations about racism, sexism, immigration, transphobia, poverty, and a host of other issues are commonplace—from the pulpit and around the table. With Dr. King, we believe we are all “caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny,” and that “none of us can be free until all are free.” These conversations connect us to each other and build trust as we commit to accompanying each other—and our neighbors in the wider community—across our differences, and together work toward building a just and loving world for all.

“Welcoming Any, Loving All”

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