

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? Would you like to meet with Pastor Eric or get connected to others? 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 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.

Order of Worship | June 09, 2024, 10:00 am

All music can be found at the back of the bulletin.

Prelude

“Be Still and Know”

S. C. Chapman/arr. L. Larson

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 “All Are Welcome” vv. 1, 3, 4 (p. 3)

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer & 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 “Hesed” verse 1 (p.4)

Sacrament of Baptism

Invitation

Covenant Promises of the Parents

Covenant Promises of the Godparent

Covenant Promises of the Congregation

Will you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to this child who is about to be baptized?

We will, with the help of God. With this sacrament we welcome Eliyas Raj Singh-Ogi into the family of Christ’s Church, and invite him to share with us the joyful lifelong pursuit of discipleship. We promise to receive him as a beloved child of God, to nurture him in faith and hope, and to grow with him in the knowledge and love of Jesus, our Christ. Amen.

Pouring of Water & Prayer of Blessing

Sacrament of Baptism

See what love God has for us, that we should be called children of God.

Holy One, we thank you for Eliyas Raj; bless him and keep him, now and forever.

Introduction to the Family of Faith

Sung Response #351 “I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

Scripture

[Psalm 139:1-18](#)

Sermon

Musical Meditation

“How Great Thou Art”

arr. S. K. Hine

Our Shared Life & Offering

Offering Opportunities

Offertory

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

arr. M. Sedio

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 Hymn** “We’ll Build a World” (*see insert*)

*Benediction

Postlude

“Everlasting God”

Brown/Riley/arr. L. Larson

Thank you for joining us for worship!

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WORSHIP NOTES

We are grateful to welcome Rev. Eric Kirkegaard, pastor at Peace UCC in Kewaskum, Wisconsin, this morning to preach and baptize Eliyas!

In addition, those serving us this morning are:

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

Children’s Church Coordinator: Janis Schnurr-Trebe | **Liturgist:** Jennifer Bastian

Ushers: Gip Seaver, Ruth Olle, and Skip Schramer

Ushers for June 16: Pam & Nate Kitterman, Linda Mason, and Allison Stahl

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"All Are Welcome"

Marty Haugen & Mark Miller



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly__ live, a__
3. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and_ stone to__
4. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions heard and__



place where saints and chil - dren_ tell how_ hearts learn_ to for - give.
 heal and strength - en, serve_ and_ teach, and_ live the__ Word they've known.
 loved and trea - sured, taught and_ claimed as__ words with - in the Word.



Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
 Here the out cast and the strang - er bear the im age of God's face;
 Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,



— All are wel - come, wel - come in__ this place, all in - vit - ed__ to



come and know_ God's grace, all are wel - come, the love of Christ to feel,_____ 'cause



all of us__ are wel - come_ here, — all are wel - come in this place.

"Hesed"
Ghost Ship

1. You will be our God, and we will be your peo-ple.
 2. Im - mov - a - ble He - sed is our firm foun - da - tion. A

You have made this cov - e - nant with us. There's
 love se - cure - ly bound in cov - e - nant. You've

no - where we could run that we could es - cape_ you.
 sealed it with your blood and though we pull a - gainst it,

We can-not break your love. Your lov-ing kind - ness, your long -
 We can-not break your love.

suf - fer-ing; and your faith - ful-ness in your love for me. Un-con -

di - tion-al, stead-fast, loy - al, true. You are faith - ful in your

love for me.

"We'll Build a World"

David Lohman

1. We are diff' - rent, you and I, yet to -
 2. As we la - bor toward that day, don't let
 3. In this var - ied u - ni - verse all ex -

4 gath - er, — fates en - twine. Now we gath - er — in this
 diff' - rence fall a - way. Your u - nique - ness I will
 ist - ence so di - verse. Filled with won - der, — life so

7 space, joined in spir - it, — filled with grace; bring your
 see, and the same thing, see in me. Thus we're
 queer, steeped in mys - t'ry, — oft un - clear. Yet to -

10 full - ness, I'll bring mine, and to - geth - er we will
 val - ued, known and named, hon - ored, cher - ished, loved and
 geth - er, — hand in hand, we'll cre - ate that Prom - ised

13 **REFRAIN**
 shine. —
 claimed. — To - geth - er, we'll build a world where there's
 I and

16 room for all to be; a world where we'll live our lives — lib - er -

19 at - ed, strong, and free! This glo - ri - ous fu - ture —

22 — build it now with me. —

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June Love Offering | *Strengthen the Church*

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering in June reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Local Conferences and the National Setting equally share the gifts given. The funds raised support enhancing a progressive Christian movement through leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Bulletin inserts and special offering envelopes will be found in the Sunday bulletin during June. Please consider donating to Strengthen the Church at this time or any time during June.

Donations in any amount are welcome and can be placed in the collection plate on Sunday, mailed to the church at The Federated Church, 612 W. State St., Sycamore, IL 60178 (be sure to write "Strengthen the Church" in the memo section of checks), or given online at <https://bit.ly/GiveFCS>.

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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 in *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.

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.

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 from a variety of backgrounds, experiences, and identities in order to build authentic relationships and community. We believe that the simple but courageous work of showing up and being together in this way is one necessary element in healing our nation and world's deep divisions.

We believe in peace through justice

In this congregation, conversations regarding racism, sexism, poverty, war, immigration, homophobia, hunger, abuse, and a host of other issues are commonplace, both from the pulpit and around the table. We know that the Realm of God is not being experienced on earth so long as people are being hurt. With Martin Luther King Jr., we believe that 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.” Which means that, as a community, we have a God-given responsibility and mission to work for justice and healing in our neighborhood and beyond. Jesus says: “I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). This work is defined not merely by what we are against, but the vision we are for—flourishing for *all*!

“Welcoming Any, Loving All”

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