

Order of Worship | August 23, 2026, 10:00 am

*All music is from the **Black New Century Hymnal** in your pew back, unless noted with (p. X).*

** indicates moments in the service where you are invited to stand or rise in spirit*

*Please join in reading those parts printed in **bold**.*

Prelude

"I Exalt Thee"

Pete Sanchez, Jr./arr. M. Hayes

Welcome & *Passing the Peace

*We invite you to rise as you're able, turn toward each other,
and welcome one another with a sign of God's hospitality and peace.*

***Gathering Song** "Light Dawns on a Weary World" (p.X)

There is no Children's Church this morning. Children are invited to remain in worship with their families. There are fidgets & coloring supplies in the back, and a small nursery with more toys and a rocking chair just outside the back doors in Dutton Hall.

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 that arise in you.

Visual Meditation

*"Psalm 31"**

Silent Prayer & The Prayer Jesus Taught Us

**Our Father/Mother/Creator 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 Meditation "There Is a Time for Silence" vv. 1-3 (p.X)

Scripture Matthew 19:11-12; Acts 8:26-40; Ephesians 2:14-16

Sermon "A Community of Love, not Convenience"

Sung Response "There Is a Time for Silence" vv. 4-5 (p.X)

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** “Love Is Not Always Comfortable” 2x (p. X)

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Doxology”

arr. Mark Hayes

We invite you to remain seated as the postlude plays. Afterward, parents may pick up their children in the chapel. Please join us in Dutton Hall for coffee and fellowship.

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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:** Pam Kitterman | **Ushers:** Paula von Ende & Bev & Skip Schramer
Ushers for Sunday, August 30: Bev & Skip Schramer

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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Church Leadership for August 2026 – August 2027:

Moderator: Bill O’Hagan | **Assoc. Moderator:** Jane Whitaker | **Past Moderator:** Gip
Seaver | *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.*

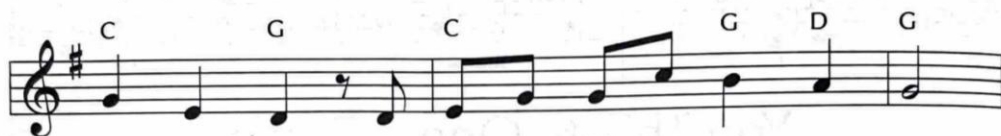
“Light Dawns on a Weary World” by Mary Louise Bringle/William P. Rowan



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

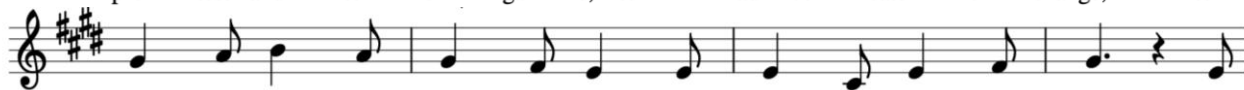
"There Is a Time for Silence" by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette and Phil Hart



1. There is a time for si - lence, a time to list - en well, a
 2. There is a time for ask - ing, a time to pause and pray, there
 3. There's time for hum - ble stud - y,— for read - ing and for thought. God,
 4. There's time for good re - flec - tion, to pon - der who we've been, to
 5. And there's a time to work now — to bold - ly say their names, to



1. time to hear the pain - ful sto - ries oth - ers have to tell. O,
 2. is a time to hear the pro - phets speak of God's new day, to
 3. may we learn from oth - ers of the jus - tice they have sought. And
 4. think how our own at - ti - tudes have paved the way for sin, to
 5. pro - test and to or - gan - ize, to ad - vo - cate for change, to



1. God, may we who love to talk now hear the rage and fear, and
 2. hear the words of Je - sus who taught wel - come, truth, and love, to
 3. may we learn from those who brave - ly stand a - gainst the hate, so
 4. list - en to the ones we fear, to folks we may re - sent, to
 5. use our voi - ces and to stand with those who are op - pressed. As



1. may we learn from neigh - bors who have long been si - lenced here.
 2. hear the Spir - it speak - ing through the ones who shout, "E - nough!"
 3. when we're called to jus - tice, we, your church, won't hes - i - tate.
 4. hear of Je - sus' call to love— and hum - bly to re - pent.
 5. we seek jus - tice hand in hand, Lord, may your world be blessed.

“Love Is Not Always Comfortable” *by Christian McIvor*

Love is not al-ways com-forta-ble and truth is-n't al-ways so clear.____ So,
push us, pull us, shape and trans-form us,____ o - pen our hearts to you.

Love is not al-ways com-forta-ble and truth is-n't al-ways so clear.____ So,
push us, pull us, shape and trans-form us,____ o - pen our minds to you.

Love is not al-ways com-forta-ble and truth is-n't al-ways so clear.____ So,
push us, pull us, shape and trans-form us,____ o - pen our lives to you.

Now Serving: Just Coffee??

The coffee that we currently drink on Sundays is primarily purchased/donated by a couple individuals (usually from Costco). Coffee supply chains are well-known to be rife with human rights abuses. Where and how we source it matters. As we look for more ways to align aspects of our life together at Federated with our values, we would like to transition to sourcing our coffee in ways that reflect our commitments to economic justice and human dignity.

Through partnerships with churches, we could source our coffee at Federated from the two companies below at a discounted bulk rate. If we were to purchase their coffee at the discounted rate and then "re-sell" it to you (at the market rate you'd pay at the store), we could make it possible for us all to support these missions and, in doing so, create an "income stream" that would sustain the purchasing of our Sunday coffee. Your cost to purchase a 1 lb. bag would likely be ~\$15.

The two companies are:

- **Equal Exchange:** Their mission is *to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound, to foster mutually beneficial relationships between farmers and consumers and to demonstrate, through our success, the contribution of worker co-operatives and Fair Trade to a more equitable, democratic and sustainable world.*
- **Café Justo (Just Coffee):** A grower-owned Coffee Cooperative based in southern Chiapas, Mexico, formed to address the poverty and migration from Mexico to the U.S.A.

Please help us determine whether this could be feasible by filling out this brief survey and place it in the offering plate.

1. Please indicate whether you would be interested in regularly purchasing the coffee that you drink from one of these companies through Federated Church (~\$15 per bag).
_____Yes _____Maybe
2. Approximately how many 1lb. bags/month might you purchase? _____
3. I am interested in...
_____Light roast _____Medium roast _____Dark roast
_____Other (flavored?) _____

CALENDAR: AT A GLANCE

Youth Outlook Conversations | *Today after worship; Aug. 25 6pm*

A series of conversations led by Nancy Mullen, Exec. Dir. Youth Outlook, around their work with LGBTQ+ youth, as well as exploring ways we can work for LGBTQ+ advocacy and belonging within Federated Church and in the wider world!

No Children's Church | *Today*

Children are welcome to worship in the sanctuary with their families. Activity boxes are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Ladies' Night Out | *Tues., Aug. 25, 6PM, Provecho HMF, DeKalb*

Venezuelan cuisine. Sign up in Dutton Hall

Blessing of the Backpacks, Part II | *Sun., Aug. 30*

Join us in worship to bless all those beginning a new school year.

Post Service Conversation—Pray Grounds | *Sun., Aug. 30, after worship*

Pastor Eric leads this conversation exploring how to deepen our hospitality & welcome.

Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday | *Mon., Sept. 7*

Centennial Planning

Your unique ideas, stories and insights are welcome as we begin planning our church's centennial celebration. Add your name to the list in Dutton Hall for more information.

Meals on Wheels Delivery | *Throughout September*

Partnering with VAC, Federated Church provides drivers who deliver meals to those who are elderly, disabled, or home bound throughout September. Sign up in Dutton Hall.

Feminist Theology | *Sat., Sept. 12, 10:30 AM, Youth Room*

We will start the book The Red Tent, by Anita Diamant. If you haven't joined us before, this would be a great time to check us out! All women welcome.

Weekly eNews



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Church Calendar

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to see the church's
Master Calendar of events





Mark your calendars, Fall Fest is back! This year, we continue building this day toward a vision of a neighborhood block party.

In addition to providing *some* free burgers, brats, and hot dogs, along with a potluck portion (sign up to bring a side dish/dessert to share in Dutton Hall or at the link in the eNews), we are also planning for a FOOD TRUCK & ICE CREAM TRUCK!

There will once again be a variety of intergenerational activities after worship, including: a bounce house, face painting, lawn games, giant bubbles, and more!

**** This is your excuse to invite a friend or family to Federated--for worship, or just for the fun after! This is meant to be a joyful, low-pressure way to introduce them to who we are and what we're about! ****