

# FEDERATED CHURCH



## Mission Statement:

*We are called to nurture a growing relationship with God by following the example of Jesus Christ.*



**Thursday, September 17 and Sunday, September 20, 2020**

## **Welcome to Worship at Federated!**

**We are called Federated** because on July 2, 1914, Columbus' Congregational (now the United Church of Christ) and Presbyterian churches joined to serve as one congregation.

Prayer requests can be shared with the Church Office (402) 564-2812 to initiate a Prayer Chain with the Order of St. Andrew. The Prayer Chain is strictly confidential.

**If you missed worship last week**, visit [www.federatedcolumbus.org](http://www.federatedcolumbus.org) for videos of worship and bulletins, and on TV: Spectrum Channel 1304 (HD)  
Mondays 11:55am, Saturdays 11:55am and Sundays 7:55pm.

**In case of an emergency, Pastor Edwards cell phone is (402) 302-2812.**

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.
- ◆ Prayers are offered for the family of Jordan Maly, whose Memorial service was Thursday, September 17th.
- ◆ Prayers are offered for the family of Jerry Dare, whose Memorial service will be Saturday, September 19th.
- ◆ Congratulations to Evan Dewald (son of Steve and Marcia Dewald) and Liz Viessmann, who exchanged their wedding vows on September 12th.
- ◆ Please pray for Lois Schultz and her family. Lois is in hospice care at Meridian Gardens.
- ◆ Prayers are offered for the family of Leslie Tenski, Administrator of Prairie Village. Her husband, Steve, passed away Wednesday, September 16th. Funeral services will be Monday, September 21st in St. Edward, NE.
- ◆ Prayers are offered for John Novotny's deployment with Red Cross relief in Baton Rouge, Louisiana following Hurricane Laura.
- ◆ From Homestead Presbytery:

## CLARKSON NEW ZION

Hi from New Zion in Clarkson. Right now we need prayers as we search for a new minister. We are just starting the process and during these uncertain times we are living in, we particularly need prayers that we would find a spirit-filled minister to lead our church. We also need prayers that our elders remember their calling and help with the process of maintaining the church without a full time minister. Our joys include the fact that our members have supported our church financially during our time of being shut down. We haven't needed to dip into savings or get any monies from the government. Also that when we did start worshiping in person that people did come back. Praises for our members! New Zion is alive and worshiping in Clarkson.

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, September 20

9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & Upper Room

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, September 21

12:00pm BIG PALS, Little Pals, EC 8

### Tuesday, September 22

1:00pm Lectionary Afternoon Bible Study, EC 8 & Online Zoom Meeting

6:30pm GC Meeting w/Confirmands & Mentors, Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Scouts Den 279 Meeting, EC 8

### Wednesday, September 23

10:00am Staff Meeting, FH

11:00am Worship Planning Meeting, AD 2

4:30pm Lectionary Afternoon Bible Study, Online Zoom Meeting

6:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room

### Thursday, September 24

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

**Friday, September 25** No Events

**Saturday, September 26** No Events

### Sunday, September 27

9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & Upper Room

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

**Chancels flowers are given in remembrance of Jerry Dare by Irene Dare.**

**Meals on Wheels Information!** Federated church will have Meals on Wheels delivery the week of **September 28 - October 2**. Coordinator will be Jean Royer. 564-8012 or 910-6688.

**Rescue Mission Meal Volunteers needed urgently!** Federated church is scheduled to take meals to the Rescue Mission on Friday, October 9th. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex (or call the church office) if you are able to help!

**TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**RUNZA® WILL DONATE 10% OF SALES  
TO A PLACE AT THE TABLE  
BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM.**

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FEEDS  
NEED!**

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Hymns, Songs, Prayers, and liturgies in **Bold** are for the participation of the **Congregation**

*The Prelude invites us to begin our time of worship; please take this time for silent reflection.*

PRELUDE

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

STANFORD

*Andante from Symphony #5*

SCHUBERT

*Praise God!*

EARLY AMERICAN HYMN TUNE

Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

**JILL DUFFIELD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,

**All: make known God's deeds among the peoples.**

One: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God;

**All: tell of all the Lord's wonderful works.**

One: Glory in God's holy name;

**All: let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

One: Seek the Lord and God's strength;

**All: seek the Lord's presence continually.**

One: Let us worship God.

**\*OPENING SONG**

**10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

ARR. SORENSON

From Worship Service on November 13, 2016

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord God, you hear our cries of pain and our murmured complaining. Your relentless compassion for your people defies any human logic or understanding. You provide manna in the wilderness, bread from heaven and the assurance that you will not abandon us in our need. Despite your overflowing goodness, we grumble. Rather than rejoice in your grace to us, we resent that you extend kindness to others. Instead of gratitude for your mercy, we question why you would embrace those we think undeserving — forgetting that none of us are righteous, all of us saved by grace. Forgive us for judging others and begrudging your generosity.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful,

**All: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: Jesus Christ came not for the righteous, but to save sinners.

**All: Therefore, we can believe the good news that we are in fact forgiven and even now made new creations in Christ.**

**\* PASSING THE PEACE**

One: Let us celebrate God's grace by sharing a sign of peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT — COMMISSIONING OF ACOLYTES (Sunday)**

Brenda Sand, CE Director

**Acolytes:** Brinlee Klevemann, Tessa Miller, Celine Perrin,

Meg Weeder, Alyse Wolfe, and Hunter Yang

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Renee Norris, Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS 1 : 21 - 30

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good**

**and makes everyone equally in God's image**

**male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

**Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

We deserve God's condemnation.

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.**

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,**

**like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

INSTRUMENTAL DOXOLOGY

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, receive these gifts as an outward sign of our inward gratitude. We cannot repay you for your goodness to us, but we know you accept that which is given in faith. Take and distribute this offering in ways that show forth your mercy and goodness. Multiply what we offer in ways that nourish others hungry to know they are your beloved people. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

CLOSING SONG

*In Christ Alone*  
iWorship DVD

GETTY/TOWNSEND

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Just Trust and Obey*

ARR. STAZESKI