

FEDERATED CHURCH



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



Thursday, October 15 and Sunday, October 18, 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** 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.

Governing Council 2020 - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
Marcia Grant, President (402-276-1428) Tim Warren, Vice President Louise Moran, Secretary			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. Acting Head of Staff & Associate Pastor for CYF edward@federatedcolumbus.org	Jim Rains Office Manager jrains@federatedcolumbus.org
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Linda Wheatley	Gene Hahn	John McClure		
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Steve McClure		Alison Wagner	Lee Augustin, Organist	Bob Arp, Chancel Choir Director
Financial Administrators:	Donna Augspurger Terry Millard	Robin Lehr Terry Norris	Stuart Gausman Bell Choir Director	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia El Buen Pastor Fellowship

JOYS & CONCERNS

- ♦ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.
- ♦ Pray for the family of Wendell Ita, who passed away Sunday, October 11th. A Memorial service was held Friday, October 16th, at Federated Church.
- ♦ Pray for Carol Sand, mother of Mike & Brenda Sand, who has begun hospice care.
- ♦ Pray for Sondra Burnett who is on chemotherapy for ovarian cancer.
- ♦ Pray for others battling cancer.
- ♦ Pray for individuals and families affected by COVID-19.
- ♦ Pray for Paula Lange, who fractured her ankle and is recovering at home.
- ♦ Pray for Jane Ellefson, who is recovering at home after injuring her hip in a fall.
- ♦ Pray for people affected by wildfires in the west and storms/hurricanes in the south.
- ♦ From Homestead Presbytery:

Fremont

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Fremont congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.



A mobile directory is now available! Please contact the church office for information!

The LifeTouch directories will be available soon!

Thank you for all of your patience!

Drive by celebration for Bill Irby's 90th birthday
October 31, 2020 1:00 - 3:00pm
RealLife of Columbus
3600 30th St
Columbus, NE 68601
If you are unable to attend,
cards may be sent to
the same address.
Cheers to 90 Years!



THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, October 18 , Children's Sabbath

- 9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & Upper Room
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, October 19

- 9:00am Calico Club Sewing, Fellowship Hall
- 12:00pm BIG PALS ~ LITTLE PALS, EC 8

Tuesday, October 20

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC 8 & Zoom
- 6:00pm PEO Group, EC 4/5
- 6:30pm Finance & Property Meeting, EC 8
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 21

- 9:30am Circle 1 Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2
- 2:00pm Worship Planning Meeting, EC 7
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom Meeting
- 6:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room
- 7:30pm Circle 4 Meeting, EC 4/5

Thursday, October 22

- 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, October 23 No Events

Saturday, October 24 No Events

Sunday, October 25

- 9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & Upper Room
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Fall Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary & Online

October 18th: Lunch for Learning:



Grab N Go Sack Lunch



**Free Will Offering for
Operation Education Nairobi**

**Funds raised will help provide education
scholarships for up to 40 children in
Nairobi, Kenya who cannot afford
to otherwise attend school.**

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

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

PRELUDE

Allemande
Great Is the Lord
Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

CORELLI
M. SMITH
ARR. SCHRADER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Roland Augspurger, Stewardship Committee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgy provided by the Children's Defense Fund

One: Gather our hearts, O God,

All: knitting us together across difference and division to live with your compassion.

One: Gather our minds, O God,

All: from distractions and distance to focus on you and your children.

One: Gather our wills, O God,

All: to be strong and courageous in pursuit of your justice.

One: By the power of your holy spirit, make us one in heart, mind, and spirit as we worship you on this Children's Sabbath day.

All: Come, let us worship God.

OPENING SONG

Not Forgotten
IMusic

HOUGHTON/LINDSEY

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of infinite possibility, we confess that too often we are stuck in what is, rather than working toward what could be. We doubt we can make a difference and so we just try to get through the day. We become overwhelmed by pain, problems, and the pandemic, and want to hide our hearts, sit on our hands, wait for it to end. Forgive us, O God, for living too little in the largeness of your love. Fill us, we pray, with courage and compassion, vision and determination to embody your love, seek your will, and strive for your justice that will enable all children to thrive and live with joy in the fullness of life that you intend. These things we pray in the name of your child, Jesus. Amen.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, by the grace of God made known in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

One: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

PASSING THE PEACE

One: With forgiveness, we have peace with God and one another. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR (SUN.)

Directed by Stuart Gausman

CHILDREN'S SERMON (Sun.)

Julie Graham

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Riley Gausman, Liturgist (Sun.)

O God, some of us come to this time from homes that have been too silent for so long. Others of us come from nonstop noise and days of distraction. Whether from solitude or chaos, we long now to hear your word to us, for us. By the power of your Spirit, give us the ears to hear, the hearts to feel, the spirits to respond to the word you have for us this day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43 : 1 - 2, 5 - 7, 18 - 19

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Thursday

Sunday

Rev. Kenn Leischner

Brenda Sand

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A NEW THING (ISAIAH 42:5-9; REVELATION 21:5)

One: We believe that the LORD is God,

All: who created the heavens and stretched them out,

One: who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

All: who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

One: who called us in righteousness,

All: who took us by the hand and kept us;

One: who has given us as a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,

All: to bring out from the prison those who sit in darkness.

One: We believe the former things have come to pass, and new things now spring forth.

All: For we believe the one seated on the throne of heaven who says

“See, I am making all things new.”

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

All: We honor you, O gracious God. Accept these gifts, we pray, as a sign of our obedience to you, our love for you and our desire to take your reign into the world. Transform them into your blessing for others, we pray. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

A New Hallelujah
iWorship

M.W. Smith/P. Baloché/D. Smith

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Onward Christian Soldiers

Traditional



Stewardship of gifts, talents—and yes, our person—is a mandate. But God intervenes for us as we are limited in what we can do for ourselves.

This is stewardship of self. The Spirit intercedes for us. The Spirit speaks for us. God shows up for us.

God comes through and comes to our rescue. God is our fortress, our bulwark, and our butress. We have hope because we have coverage when the storms of life wreak havoc.

faithful
hopeful
loving



hope is believing
that God
intervenes