

FEDERATED CHURCH



Mission Statement:

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



Thursday, August 27th and Sunday, August 30th, 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, the pastor's cell phone number is: Edward (402) 302-2812.

Governing Council 2020 - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
Marcia Grant, <i>President</i> (402-276-1428) Tim Warren, <i>Vice President</i> Louise Moran, <i>Secretary</i>			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. <i>Acting Head of Staff & Associate Pastor for CYF</i> edward@federatedcolumbus.org	
<i>Class of 2020</i> <i>Class of 2021</i> <i>Class of 2022</i>			Brenda Sand <i>Temp. Christian Education Director</i> brenda@federatedcolumbus.org	
Linda Wheatley	Gene Hahn	John McClure	Lee Augustin, <i>Organist</i>	
Doug Williams	Marv Zoucha	Renee Norris		
Steve McClure		Alison Wagner	Stuart Gausman <i>Bell Choir Director</i>	
<i>Financial Administrators:</i>	Donna Augspurger	Robin Lehr		
	Terry Millard	Terry Norris		

JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Glennard (Jerry) Dare, husband of Irene Dare, who passed away Sunday, August 23. The funeral service is August 31 in Indiana. A Memorial Service will be held at Federated at a later date.
- ◆ Prayers are being requested for Wayne McCormick's wife, Jill and her medical team for her breast cancer surgery next Thursday, Sept. 3, at the Methodist Hospital in Omaha.
- ◆ Congratulations to Jan Pickrell who has retired after 46 years in the education field including 33 years as a special education teacher, as well as a preschool teacher and paraprofessional at St. Bonaventure Elementary here in Columbus.
- ◆ Prayers are being requested for Christopher and Melanie Wiegert, son & daughter-in-law of Bob and Wilma Arp. Christopher is at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN for reconstructive surgery prior to a kidney transplant that will take place later this fall.
- ◆ Pray for Elda Juhnke, mother of Kathy & Kenn Leischner, who has begun hospice care
- ◆ Pray for Carol Sand, mother of Mike & Brenda Sand, who has begun hospice care.
- ◆ Pray for Mary Sharpe who has been in a lot pain due to compression fractures.
- ◆ Pray for Sondra Burnett as she continues chemotherapy treatment for ovarian cancer.
- ◆ Pray for Karel Morris, sister of Marilyn & Ben Vrana, who continues chemotherapy.
- ◆ From Homestead Presbytery:

Belden Union

The Presbyterians in Belden are missing each other during this unusual time when gathering in person is not safe. We miss seeing each other's smiles and touching hands or hugging during the passing of the peace. But we praise God that no one of us has been ill, and our treasurer has survived heart surgery and is doing well. We look forward to the day when we will gather once again in our sanctuary to sing God's praises. Our clerk of session is the infection control RN at the local nursing care facility, so we are being well-advised. We thank God for her as well. We are especially grateful that there have been no cases of COVID at Hillcrest where she works.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, August 30

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, August 31

Tuesday, September 1

11:30am All Staff Luncheon Meeting, FH

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

7:15pm Worship & Music Meeting, Zoom Meeting

7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 Den Meeting, FH

Wednesday, September 2

4:30pm Lectionary Afternoon Bible Study, EC 8 & Online Zoom Meeting

Thursday, September 3

6:15pm Scouts Roundtable, Fellowship Hall

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

7:30pm Order of the Arrow, EC 8

Friday, September 4

Saturday, September 5

Sunday, September 6

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, September 7 - Labor Day

Church Office Closed

Communion Elements will be available Wednesday, September 2nd through Friday, September 4th from the Narthex refrigerator by the church office. We will be doing a 'curb-side delivery' each of those days if you prefer. Call the church office when you are ready for your elements and we will bring them to you in the Northwest parking lot. Communion will be available for the in-person services on September 3rd and 6th.

**Education Hour will resume on
September 13, 2020 at 9am.**

**Teachers and students will be commissioned
during worship service that day.**

More details to come soon!

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.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020

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

PRELUDE

The God of Abraham Praise
Fugue in F
Deep River
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

ARR. YOUNG
UNKNOWN
ARR. HIELSCHER

GREETING & 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 God'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 God's presence continually.

One: Let us worship God.

OPENING SONG

Here I Am to Worship
By Jonathan Noel, performed by Tim Hughes

iWorship DVD

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you instruct us to hate what is evil and hold fast to that which is good. You tell us to love genuinely, ardently, fully. You teach us to weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice, and yet we neglect those who suffer and resent the successes of others. We fail to honor one another and fall easily into judgment, anger and revenge. In your abundant mercy, break our hearts of stone and put a new and right spirit within us. Grant us the eyes to see our own sin and the strength of character to be gentle with others. Do not let our Christian witness be tarnished by our inability to admit our mistakes, make amends and alter our ways. Forgive us, Lord, and set us free to follow you more closely, even to the cross.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We seek the Lord's strength and presence, knowing that those who seek will find.

All: We believe that Jesus came to save sinners.

One: We rejoice in the truth that we are forgiven and made new,

All: freed to live a new life in Christ.

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 each other.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON (Sun.)

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John McClure, Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3 : 1 – 15

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Edward Yang

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "The God of Abraham Praise" by Moses Maimonides and Daniel ben Judah Dayan**

One: The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
The ancient of eternal days, the God of love!

All: **The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heaven confessed,
We bow before Your holy name, forever blest.**

One: Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will;
In prophet's word You spoke of old and You speak still.

All: **Established is Your law, and changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, or land.**

One: You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.

All: **We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name;
The first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!
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

Loving God, when we stumble in our discipleship you do not give up on us, but instead invite us again to follow you. We recommit ourselves this day, giving these gifts as a symbol of our will to give ourselves entirely to you. Take them, we pray, to relieve the suffering of your people. May these offerings be a means through which others find reasons to rejoice so that we may rejoice and praise you together. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Here I Am, Lord

SCHUTTE

Recorded September 15, 2019

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I Am Thine, O Lord

TRADITIONAL

Special thanks to Tim Rathje for recording the service and Val Rathje for running PowerPoint.