



FEDERATED CHURCH

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



Sunday, August 27, 2017

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

If you are new to Federated, please tell us on a “Visitors Card” & in a red Friendship Folder.

Children are welcome in worship at Federated. Children’s Activity Bags are at the Sanctuary entrance. The Library/“Cry Room” is child friendly. Child care is available Sundays in the Nursery.

Ushers are here to help you! Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals are available.

Head Usher is Dennis Vollbracht. Ushers this week: Rick Porter (Thurs.),

Don Anderson, Dana Brandt, Julie Graham, John Novotny and Dennis Vollbracht.

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.

The Order of St. Andrew serves as Federated’s deacons. Prayer requests can be shared on **Prayers Cards** in the pew pockets or **Prayer Chain** requests to the Church Office (402) 564-2812 to call 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, or on Channel 99 (HD) Mondays & Saturdays at Noon and Sunday evenings at 8pm.

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Edward Yang (cell: 402-302-2812).

From August 28 - September 3, please contact Pastor Linda Mohr (cell: 402-910-4009).

Governing Council 2017 - Federated Church Elders

Rick Porter, *President* • Dave Melick, *Vice President*
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Class of 2017

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PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Prelude invites us to begin our time of worship; please observe this time in silent meditation.

PRELUDE

*See What His Love Can Do
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano*

BACH
ARR. MARTIN

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ***Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.***

MOMENT OF MISSION

Rick Porter, Nominating Committee

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

One: You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ.

All: We, who are many, are called to worship God, the Three in One.

One: Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 462**

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

All: we would now be lost in sin.

One: But it is the Lord who is on our side.

All: And so we are forgiven. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

*** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: As children of God, we are no longer strangers, but friends. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

All children are invited to come forward for a special message.

After the Children's Sermon, children will be led to the Education Center for an optional time of music and crafts for the remainder of worship.

Children should be picked up from Room EC8 at the completion of Sunday worship.

Families can choose to have their children stay with them in the sanctuary.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Edward Yang, Liturgist

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12 : 9 - 21

(Pew Bible New Testament, page 162)

SPECIAL MUSIC

His Hand In Mine

MOSIE LISTER

Bob Arp, Dave Melick, Jeremy West, and Doug Williams

****As you are able in body or in spirit, please rise.***

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16 : 21 – 28

(Pew Bible New Testament, page 18)

SERMON

“The Church That Had No Cross”

Rev. Gary Eller

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***CONFESSION OF BELHAR (SELECTION)**

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 274

O God of Earth and Space

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

OFFERTORY

Where No One Stands Alone

MOSIE LISTER

*** DOXOLOGY (HYMN No. 591)**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Almighty God, you took a baby from the Nile and used him to lead your people to the promised land. Take our offerings and use them for your people in this land and throughout your world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN NO. 276**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*** BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

Postlude in E

VINCENT

After praising God with the Postlude, all are warmly welcome to Sunday Fellowship time with refreshments at Café LaFed, hosted by Mike and Sharyn Beard.

***As you are able in body or in spirit, please rise.**

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JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ Please prayer for Virginia and Dwayne Smith as they make decisions related to Virginia's loss of hearing and weakened eyesight.
- ◆ Please pray for Linda McPhail as she is receiving radiation treatment for cancerous lesions on her skull and preparing for lung cancer treatment.
- ◆ Please pray for Terry and Chad Stuart, members of the Catholic church, as Terry is receiving treatment for lung cancer. Chad is a leader for Scout Troop 212. The Stuart family are neighbors with the Yang family.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, August 27

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Confirmand Parent's Meeting
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 5:00pm Boy Scouts Jamboree, Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 28

- 12:00pm BIG PALS-LITTLE PALS, EC 8
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 29

- 9:00am Staff Meeting, AD 1
- 6:30pm Nominating Committee, AD 1

Wednesday, August 30

No events scheduled

Thursday, August 31

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, September 1

- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

Saturday, September 2

No events scheduled

Sunday, September 3

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, September 4 (Labor Day)

Church Office Closed

Committee Chairs Budget Reminder: Please remember to get Committee budget worksheets to either Bill Royer or Chrissy as soon as possible. For those of you who already have, thank you very much!

Church Keys: Please contact Rick Porter (402) 910-5365 or Bill Royer (402) 910-0100 if you need to access the Church after office hours or during weekends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, visit www.federatedcolumbus.org, or contact the church office (402)564-2812.

Upcoming at Federated

Sunday School Kick-Off: Sept 10 - As we welcome children and youth back for a new year of educational activities, we will celebrate with a BBQ & Potluck hosted by the Youth Ministry and Christian Education Committees. Please bring a salad or side dish to share following education hour.

Chancel Choir Resumes - After the summer break filled with wonderful special music, the Chancel Choir will be back singing on Sept. 10. Rehearsals resume at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 6 in the choir room. Contact director Bob Arp with questions. Please consider joining this fun group!!

Upcoming Events

The Social Concerns and Mission Committee will have a box out by the office area for donations to the Place at the Table/Backpack project starting Sunday, August 20th. Items may be brought thru the end of September. Needed are: 18 oz. size of peanut butter (in plastic containers, not glass), 32 oz. COMPLETE Pancake Mix and 15 oz. LITE sliced peaches. Thank you for supporting this Mission Community Project.

Thank you to Charlotte Lambert and the many volunteer drivers and deliverers for their service the week of July 3. Federated's next week of delivery will be Sept. 11-15. Coordinator will be Cec Bartholomew - 402-564-0264.

Wednesday, September 6, 2017: Women's Fellowship Board Meeting at 2:30 p.m. in Room EC 8

Saturday, September 30: Fall Gathering—
Presbyterian Women in Fremont

Upcoming Preachers & Pastoral On-call

Rev. Edward and Pulpit Supply preachers will lead worship while Rev. Annika is on Study Leave.

Thursday, August 24: Rev. Kenn Leischner

Sunday, August 27: Rev. Gary Eller

Thursday, August 31: Rev. Kenn Leischner

Sunday, September 3: Dr. Ford Craig

Please contact Rev. Edward for pastoral care during the summer.