

FEDERATED CHURCH



2nd Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, June 14, 2020

Mission Statement:

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

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	
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Terry Millard	Terry Norris			

JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.
- ◆ Pray for Norma Schaufelberger who tested positive for COVID-19 and is being treated at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lincoln.
- ◆ Pray for Sondra Burnett as she goes through chemotherapy treatment for ovarian cancer.
- ◆ Pray for Judy Temme who will begin chemotherapy for cancer in her abdomen.
- ◆ Pray for Josh Winig who needs to have surgery on his shoulder, which was damaged in a recent car accident.
- ◆ Pray for Calvin Wagner who recently fell and broke several rib bones.
- ◆ We would like to lift up health care workers by name during the coronavirus pandemic. Please share name and info for relatives who work in this profession:

- ◇ **Dr. Nila Novotny** (member & local physician)
- ◇ **Dr. Jeff Gotschall** (member & local physician)
- ◇ **Carrie Prokopec** (member, daughter of Doug & Randi Williams, ER nurse at CCH)
- ◇ **Lisa Perrin** (member & nurse at CCH)
- ◇ **Dr. Paul Vrana** (son of Ben & Marilyn Vrana, researcher at Mt. Sinai Hospital NYC)
- ◇ **Michael Griffith** (son of Annette & Bob Griffith, nurse in Omaha)
- ◇ **Dr. Tyler Curry** (son of John & Deb Curry, psychiatrist in Omaha)
- ◇ **Jill Morris** (daughter of Jim & Kathy Morris, traveling nurse)
- ◇ **Dr. Jacob & Abbie Oran** (son-in-law and daughter of Kathy & Kenn Leischner, physician and nurse in Kearney)
- ◇ **Drs. Jeff Zoucha & Jennifer Hill** (son & daughter of Marv & Barb Zoucha, physician in Denver & ob/gyn in Omaha)

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- ◇ **Drs. Brian, Jeff & Jessica Gartrell** (son, son & daughter-in-law of Bruce & Diana Gartrell; family practice in Omaha, ENT/family practice in Council Bluffs, IA, pediatrician/hematology/oncology at St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, TN)
- ◇ **Lily Pickrel** (granddaughter of Jan Pickrel, CMA at Genoa Long Term Care Center and nursing student)

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Most in-person events have been cancelled due to the current pandemic situation and the 10 persons per gathering limit restriction.

Sunday, June 14

Monday, June 15

Tuesday, June 16

10:00am Staff Meeting

1:00pm Lectionary Afternoon Bible Study, Zoom

7:30pm Worship & Music Committee, Zoom

Wednesday, June 17

11:00am Worship Planning Meeting

4:30pm Lectionary Evening Bible Study: Zoom

Thursday, June 18

7:00pm Mission Study Committee on Zoom

Friday, June 19

Saturday, June 20

Sunday, June 21

Phil Wilson Scholarship Renewals

Federated Church Foundation Scholarship Renewal Applications have been mailed out. Please contact **Jim in the church office** if you do not receive yours. Applications are **due back** to the church office **with an official transcript** (or copy) **no later than June 23rd**. Late applications are subject to a reduction penalty.

- ◇ **Michelle Bellum Goedeken, Sarita Goedeken Panowicz & Lorrie Niemeyer** (daughter, granddaughter & niece of Fred & Rene Bellum; nurse at Fairbury Hospital, radiology tech, nurse practitioner at St. Elizabeth's Hospital)
- ◇ **Cheryl Blodgett** (niece of Deb & Doug Rasby)
- ◇ **Ken Koehler** (relative of Georgia & Rod Behlen)
- ◇ **Holly Tracy** (daughter of Rae & Dave Fulton, ER nurse at Faith Regional Hospital, Norfolk)
- ◇ **Cathy Flowers Cox** (daughter-in-law of Nancy Blackburn & John Cox, ER nurse in Dodge City, KS)
- ◇ **Julie Bennett** (daughter-in-law of Pete & Carol Bennett, occupational therapist at CCH)
- ◇ **Carly Hoke** (daughter of Linda & Guy Wheatley) RN at Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center in Downey, CA.
- ◇ **Kapono Chong-Hanssen** (cousin of Chrissy Ford) physician at Ho'ola Lahui Hawai'i.
- ◇ **Drs. Daniel & Lynn Jeffrey** (son and daughter of Mike and Ann Jeffrey) physicians at UNMC Internal Medicine, Omaha, and Family Medicine at CHI Lakeside Clinic, Omaha, respectively.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020

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

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Feasting on the Word

One: Jesus Christ summons us to answer God's call of mercy.

All: Christ gathers us and gives us power to be healed and to heal,

One: to be forgiven and to forgive,

All: to be freed from sin and to set others free,

One: to tell one another and the world: God's presence is at hand.

All: Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN GTG 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Lee Augustin, Accompanist; Annette Griffith, Cantor

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Gen. 18:1-8; Rom. 5:3-5)

Triune God, Holy Three, Holy One, we confess that we do not know how to look for you. We do not sense your nearness, and if there are angels among us, we are unaware. We do not show the hospitality to strangers that Abraham showed to you. We do not trust that our hardships can be transformed by your Spirit. O Covenant-keeper, forgive us. Let us laugh with joy because your grace has made peace among us. Send us out with this good news so that others will also receive your blessing; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Christ gave his life to save us.

All: Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

One: Trust the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

PASSING THE PEACE

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, CE Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marilyn Vrana, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Letter of Paul to the Romans 5 : 1 – 8

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (FROM THE CONFESSION OF BELHAR)

We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

- **that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;**
- that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- **that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;**
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- **that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;**
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;
- **that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream;**
- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

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

DOXOLOGY

ROGER C. LYNN

***Praise God whose breath fills all the earth; Whose love reveals our sacred worth;
Whose Spirit forms one family; Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.***

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed Trinity, three-part harmony, in you those who sing for joy revel in your glory, and those who cry in pain find comfort in their sorrow. Thank you for being God with us. Thank you for keeping your promises to our faith ancestors and to us. Thank you for coming near to us in your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you for hope that brings life through the inpouring of your Holy Spirit. Thank you for the love you hold up before the world on the cross of Christ our- Savior. Even our offerings come from the fruits of your blessings. Praise to you, O Holy God! Thanks to you, O Holy Three! Glory to your name, O God Most High! Amen.

CLOSING HYMN GTG 688 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (verses 1, 3, 4 & 5)*

BENEDICTION

Special thanks to Max Porter for recording the service and Bob Arp for running PowerPoint.