

# FEDERATED CHURCH



***Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 17, 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](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, the pastor's cell phone number is: Edward (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.
- ◆ Pray for Judy Temme who will be going through biopsies next week.
- ◆ Pray for Bob Smith who is recovering from heart surgery.
- ◆ Pray for Nila Novotny's mother, Dorothy Moore, who fell, broke her hip and had surgery. She was transferred back to the Oakland, NE nursing home and recently turned 92.
- ◆ Congratulations goes out to Diana Arp, daughter of Bob and Wilma Arp, for receiving her Master of Science in Speech and Language Pathology from Univ. of Nebraska in Omaha. She will be working as a speech pathologist at Omaha Central High School this fall.
- ◆ Congratulations to Ella Platek, daughter of Cami and Mike Platek and granddaughter of Wilma and Bob Arp, who graduated with honors from Pope John Paul II High School in Nashville, TN. Ella will be attending Vanderbilt University this fall on academic and athletic scholarships where she will be a member of the swim team.
- ◆ We would like 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)
  - ◆ Continued in next column

## 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, May 17**

**Monday, May 18**

7:00pm Confirmation Lesson on Zoom

**Tuesday, May 19**

**Wednesday, May 20**

**Thursday, May 21**

7:00pm Mission Study Committee on Zoom

**Friday, May 22**

**Saturday, May 23**

**Sunday, May 24**

### Phil Wilson Scholarship Renewals

**Federated Church Foundation Scholarship Renewal Applications** were mailed this week. 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 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Late applications are subject to a reduction penalty.

- ◆ **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)
- ◆ **Michelle Bellum Goedeken, Sarita Goedeken Panowiecz & 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)

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020

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

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

UCC Worship Ways & Feasting on the Word

One: We long for community and the presence of God.

**All: In whom we live and move and have our being.**

One: This day Christ tells us that we will never be alone. An Advocate will share our journey.

**All: With whom we will live and create community and celebrate being.**

One: May the ever-present love of God be with you.

**All: And may the joy of Christ surround you.**

One: May we know the presence of the Advocate as we gather in this community of peace, continuing to share the cost of discipleship with deeds of bold mercy and courageous justice.

**All: As an Easter People following a Risen Lord, may the life of Jesus live on in us and through us. Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN NO. 376

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Lee Augustin, Accompanist; Marcia Grant and Sue McClure, Cantors

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Advocate, it seems, at times, we forget that you know us at our very depth. We become anxious and afraid that you are not with us, and that our lives have lacked meaning and purpose. You have called us to great things, but we focus instead on what we lack, rather than on Whose we are. By your mercy, help us to live out the commandments of Christ beyond these walls, beyond this hour, and in so doing, may we become for the world the very presence of justice, hope and peace.

### MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: All of us have been created and called to be in community. Know this, but more importantly, live this:

**All: As God's children we are loved and equipped for great ministry.**

One: Follow Jesus' commandment to love boldly

**All: as we are held in the grace and love of God.**

### PASSING THE PEACE

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, CE Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kristi Wolfe, Liturgist

### SCRIPTURE READING

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 14 : 15 – 21

One: Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### Affirmation of Faith – from “A Brief Statement of Faith”

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

### 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

God of all glory and majesty, we give you thanks for the gift of your Spirit who works in our lives. Bless our offerings for the benefits they afford in bringing life to others in your name. Bless our lives that we may be your witnesses to the ends of the earth as we love and serve you, O God most high. Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN NO. 288

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

### BENEDICTION

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