

FEDERATED CHURCH



Seventh Sunday of Easter Memorial Sunday, May 24, 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	
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	
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JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Lu Krepel, who passed away, May 15th. A private family memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 21, at Gass Haney Funeral, with Rev. Dr. Edward Yang officiating. There is no visitation. Private family inurnment will be held at a later date.
- ◆ Pray for Judy Temme who will be going through biopsies next week.
- ◆ Pray for Bob Smith who is recovering from heart surgery.
- ◆ 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)

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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 24

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25-Church Closed

Tuesday, May 26

Wednesday, May 27

Thursday, May 28

7:00pm Mission Study Committee on Zoom

Friday, May 29

Saturday, May 30

Sunday, May 31

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 23rd**. 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 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**, RN at Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center in Downey CA, Linda & Guy Wheatley's daughter.
- ◆ **Kapono Chong-Hanssen**, physician at Ho'ola Lahui Hawai'i (cousin of Chrissy Ford)

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

MEMORIAL SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

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

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We remember fallen soldiers, and the sacrifice they made for the sake of others.

All: We thank God for the brave men and women that have given their lives so that we may worship without fear.

One: In the rising of the sun and its going down,

All: We remember them.

One: In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

All: We remember them.

One: In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,

All: We remember them.

One: In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

All: We remember them.

One: In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

All: We remember them.

One: In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

All: We remember them.

One: When we are weary and in need of strength,

All: We remember them.

One: When we are lost and sick at heart,

All: We remember them.

One: When we have joys we yearn to share,

All: We remember them.

One: So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us,

All: as we remember them, the former things pass away and war shall be no more, we pray to the Lord. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

God Bless America

Irving Berlin

Lee Augustin, Accompanist; Steve Heinisch, Cantor

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, you have come close to us in Jesus Christ, and you know the whole range of human experience. Yet we fail to accept that our actions fall short of your plan for us. It is a special gift to us, to know that during times of joy and celebration, you laugh with us, and you strengthen us as family and community. Yet we fail to thank you for being with us. You are the one who is with us during times of uncertainty and change, and hold us fast when storms strike home. Yet we fail to express our gratitude for your presence. We ask for your forgiveness for our failings. Inspire us today that we may live faithfully tomorrow and in all the tomorrows to come.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: On this holy day we bring our hopes, our dreams, and our visions of a better world.

All: And You hear our prayer.

One: We seek You in the midst of our troubles, our sorrows and our illnesses.

All: And You are with us.

One: We bring our faith to You, even when it seems hard to have faith.

All: And through all our shortcomings and lack of faith, You are with us.

PASSING THE PEACE

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, CE Director

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

You pour out your love upon us, O God; you give us eternal life. As your mercy is made manifest in Jesus, may thanksgiving be shown by our gifts. Accept what we offer as signs of our humble gratitude for all that you do on our behalf. Make us useful servants of Christ in bringing your sons and daughters to a greater sense of your glory.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Steve Heinisch, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 15 : 12 – 17

One: Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Lessons Learned

Doug Williams

SPECIAL MUSIC

Remember Me

Steve Heinisch

BENEDICTION

From Hebrews 13: 20 - 21

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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