

# FEDERATED CHURCH



## Third Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 26, 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.
- ◆ We rejoice with Steve Heinisch receiving the League Excellence Award in establishing Project GPS at Central Community College.
- ◆ Pray for John and Katie Claus' daughter, Annie, who tested positive for COVID-19. Annie is having difficulty with fevers and exhaustion.
- ◆ Pray for Allison Trautwein, daughter-in-law of Bob & Judy Trautwein, who began chemotherapy for cancer treatment.
- ◆ Pray for Karel Morris, sister of Marilyn & Ben Vrana, who began radiation for cancer treatment.
- ◆ 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)
  - ◆ **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)

## 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, April 26**

**Monday, April 27**

7:00pm Confirmation Lesson on Zoom

**Tuesday, April 28**

1:00pm Online Lectionary Bible Study  
zoom.us/j/674120363

**Wednesday, April 29**

10:00am Staff Meeting

11:00am Worship Planning Meeting

4:30pm Online Lectionary Bible Study  
zoom.us/j/648299543

**Thursday, April 30**

7:00pm Mission Study Committee on Zoom

**Friday, May 1**

**Saturday, May 2**

**Sunday, May 3**

If you receive an email or text requesting gift cards or a "favor" from the church pastor or staff, feel free to delete or call the office to verify. Unfortunately, this is a common scam as explained by the Federal Trade Commission: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2019/07/worshippers-targeted-gift-card-scam>

Do you have a portable DVD player or laptop that you are no longer using? If so, can we take it off your hands? We have church members who are not able to view worship services on TV or internet, so these devices can help to provide a portable viewing machine. Please let the office know if you have a device to donate or need a device to watch services.

- ◆ **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, APRIL 26, 2020

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

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### OPENING HYMN NO. 121

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*  
Lee Augustin; piano; Wilma Arp, Cantor

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver, got out and said,

**All: "I always park there! You took my place!"**

One: The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated,

**All: "That's my seat! You took my place!"**

One: The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing. After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said,

**All: "That's where I always sit! You took my place!"**

One: The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said nothing. Later, as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed and called out,

**All: "What happened to you?"**

One: The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place."

**All: Dear Jesus, just because we don't recognize you, that doesn't give us cause to reject you. Amen**

### MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

### DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: I declare that as I am forgiven by heavenly father, so also I forgive those who have hurt me. For as far as the East is from the West in accordance to the grace given me, I now forgive. Amen

### PASSING THE PEACE

One: Although we believe and trust in God, we have forgotten the covenant which God made with our ancestors and have sinned.

**All: However, God shows the mercy promised to our ancestors, and remembers this holy covenant; giving us the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of our sins.**

One: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn will break upon us, shining into the darkness and the shadow of death, guiding our feet into the way of peace. Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, CE Director

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Riley Gausman, Liturgist

One: When I say that 'I am a Christian', I am not shouting that 'I am clean livin'.

**All:** I'm whispering 'I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven.'  
One: When I say 'I am a Christian' I don't speak of this with pride.  
**All:** I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.  
One: When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not trying to be strong.  
**All:** I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.  
One: When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not bragging of success.  
**All:** I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.  
One: When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not claiming to be perfect.  
**All:** My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.  
One: When I say 'I am a Christian' I still feel the sting of pain.  
**All:** I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.  
One: When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not holier than thou,  
**All:** I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow!

#### SCRIPTURE READING

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 24 : 13 – 35

One: Word of God for the people of God.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

#### REFLECTIONS ON THE SCRIPTURE READING

Bob Arp

#### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

##### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: some shout hosanna

**All:** some shout crucify

One: some shout Jesus

**All:** some shout Barabbas

One: some wave palms

**All:** some shake their fists

**All:** today we choose...

One: some break bread

**All:** some break silence

One: some proclaim Jesus

**All:** some deny Jesus

One: some carry the cross

**All:** some run from the cross

**All:** today we choose...

One: some are angry

**All:** some rejoice

One: some anoint with costly perfume

**All:** some complain at the waste

One: some like the light

**All:** some prefer the shadows

**All:** today we choose...

One: some weep

**All:** some conspire

One: some follow

**All:** some hide

One: some believe

**All:** some betray

**All: today we choose**

One: to shout for life

**All: to follow the cross**

One: to break bread

**All: to hold belief**

One: to trust love

**All: and tell the world we choose to follow Jesus!**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

##### **Our Father who art in heaven**

How blissful it is to imagine heaven on earth. But lives are always endangered. Poverty consumes many, hunger and disease destroy many. The bodies of young people are for sale. Mothers and fathers are migrating to foreign lands seeking freedom and dignity and new opportunities.

God, grant to us the experience of heaven on earth.

##### **Hallowed be your name**

Your name is holy, your people are holy. You created us in your image. But the dignity of the poor ones is crushed by those who whip the poor by laws and by rules. Your name was used by foreign powers. In your name colonizers invaded foreign lands. In your name they burned and smashed.

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

We know that your kingdom is a kingdom of love, justice and of peace. A kingdom of righteousness and abundance for all. Do not allow us to be deceived by the standard of this world, where unjust wars rage and warlords become rulers of the nations. Let your will be done soon, and vanish the false kingdoms of empire power, until we can finally say, heaven is possible here on earth.

##### **Give us this day our daily bread**

The bread that we eat today satisfies our hunger. But those who make the bread in many countries have empty stomachs. How can we be happy when our body is full while many are wanting? We have been told those who do not work should not eat. But how come those who work so hard have so little to eat, while those who amass wealth by greed have plenty to throw away? May the daily bread we partake in be the communion of struggle and hope, and be the bread that is shared by all.

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive debtors.**

We offer our self-criticisms. When we have failed to love You and our neighbor, renew us and enable us to make up whatever we have failed to do. Give us hearts that can share your grace by forgiving others. Let us be humble like a dove and make us wise as a fox. May we be sustained in our courage, that we will not be manipulated by those who have wronged, exploited and oppressed your people. Forgiveness is for those who have admitted their accountability, for your grace is sufficient enough to correct our mistakes. But arrogance and conceit will lead us only to downfall.

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Lead us not to resignation in our work for justice and peace. Let not cynicism rule us, but lead us to a deeper steadfastness to overcome evil in our midst.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

This we believe. Let your power of love, and the glory of justice and peace, be with us all forever and ever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

##### **DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

#### UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have. They offered their company, their table, their bread. We invite you to be with us as we offer you our love, our devotion, our gifts. May our eyes be opened to your holy presence, now and always. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN STF No. 2115**

***Christ Has Risen***

**BENEDICTION**

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