

# FEDERATED CHURCH



## Fourth Sunday of Easter Communion Sunday, May 3, 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 Ben Vrana who had a heart procedure Friday (May 1st) morning. He should be going back home Saturday.
- ◆ 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)

## 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 3

### Monday, May 4

7:00pm Confirmation Lesson on Zoom

### Tuesday, May 5

1:00pm Online Lectionary Bible Study  
[zoom.us/j/674120363](https://zoom.us/j/674120363)

### Wednesday, May 6

10:00am Staff Meeting

11:00am Worship Planning Meeting

4:30pm Online Lectionary Bible Study  
[zoom.us/j/648299543](https://zoom.us/j/648299543)

### Thursday, May 7

7:00pm Mission Study Committee on Zoom

### Friday, May 8

### Saturday, May 9

### Sunday, May 10

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.

- ◆ **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

COMMUNION SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

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

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

UCC Worship Ways

One: Let us pray these familiar words, recognizing in the Risen Christ our Good Shepherd:

**All: Jesus, you are our shepherd. We shall never want.**

One: You make us lie down in green pastures; you lead us beside the still waters.

**All: You restore our souls. You guide us in the paths of righteousness for your name's sake.**

One: Even though we may walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

**All: we fear no evil, for you, Christ, comfort us.**

One: Jesus has prepared a table for us in the presence of our foes;

**All: Jesus has anointed us with the oil of salvation; our cup runs over!**

One: Surely, goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives,

**All: And we will dwell in the house of our Holy Savior forever and ever. Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN STF NO. 2223 *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

Lee Augustin; piano; Dave Melick and Wayne McCormick, Cantors

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Merciful and Loving God, we ask forgiveness because our consciousness of you is dimmed by everyday desires and needs.

**All: Raise our consciousness of you, O God.**

One: We forget that we are a reflection of your image. We act as though you are a Sunday-only event.

**All: Increase our mindfulness of you, O God.**

One: Help us to a greater common awareness of your deep mystery and infinite presence.

**All: Rouse our awareness of you, God.**

One: Open our eyes from surface focus to depth perception. Turn our heads from shallow concerns to eternal truths.

**All: Awaken us from faint-heartedness, O God.**

One: Forgive us for our narrow and selfish ways. Save us from cheap grace with your amazing grace.

**All: Forgive us, O God. We ask in Jesus' precious name.**

### MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

### DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Holy, Forgiving God, we are your sheep. You keep us awake and aware. You can increase our God-consciousness every day of our lives. Bless you and praise you for forgiving us when we are barely mindful enough to ask. Help us to enter by the door when we hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. We hear your voice of pardon. Through Christ's grace we are forgiven this day, and we enter your presence.

**All: Amen.**

### PASSING THE PEACE

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, CE Director

SCRIPTURE READING

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2 : 42 – 47

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 – “The Church is the Body of Christ” (F-1.0301, PC(USA) Book of Order)**

The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone,  
even at the risk of losing its life.

The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that,  
in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life  
and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised  
new creation.

The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished,  
and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.

The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to  
the good news of God’s transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

Amen

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ,  
making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may  
proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our  
Lord. 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

Thank you, Risen Christ, for moving in our hearts to give of ourselves. May our offerings of  
service and financial support give voice to your work for justice and peace in this world. May we grow  
more mindful of you through our giving and our living. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN NO. 276

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

BENEDICTION

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