



# FEDERATED CHURCH

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



## Thursday, June 15 and Sunday, June 18, 2017

### Welcome to Worship at Federated!

If you are new to Federated, please tell us on a “Visitors Card” & in a red Friendship Folder.

**Children are welcome in worship at Federated.** Children’s Activity Bags are at the Sanctuary entrance. The Library/“Cry Room” is child friendly. Child care is available Sundays in the Nursery.

Ushers are here to help you! Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals are available. Head Usher is Dennis Vollbracht. Ushers this week: Rick Porter (Thurs.), Bob Arp, Wilma Arp, Dennis Vollbracht.

**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.

The Order of St. Andrew serves as Federated’s deacons. Prayer requests can be shared on **Prayers Cards** in the pew pockets or **Prayer Chain** requests to the Church Office (402) 564-2812 to call 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, or on Channel 99 (HD) Mondays & Saturdays at Noon and Sunday evenings at 8pm.

**In the event of a pastoral emergency**, please contact Rev. Edward Yang (cell: 402-302-2812). On June 19-24, please contact Pastor Linda Mohr (cell: 402-910-4009).

#### Governing Council 2017 - Federated Church Elders

Rick Porter, *President* • Dave Melick, *Vice President*  
Louise Moran, *Secretary* • Terry Norris, *Treasurer*

#### Class of 2017

Chris Dixon  
Heidi Klevemann  
Nila Novotny  
Paul Sanderson

#### Class of 2018

Jeannie Kiser-Jensen  
Sharon Kuncel  
Bill Royer

#### Class of 2019

Gene Depue  
Kathy Leischner  
Gail Wurdeman

#### Federated Church Clergy and Staff

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Ashli Porter, *Nursery Attendant*

Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia  
*El Buen Pastor Fellowship*

## PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

*The Prelude invites us to begin our time of worship; please observe this time in silent meditation.*

PRELUDE

*Spirituoso*  
*Faith Of Our Fathers*  
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

SCARLATTI  
ARR. KINKEL

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ***Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.***

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

FEASTING ON THE WORD WORSHIP COMPANION

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

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

One: Let us worship God.

### \* OPENING HYMN NO. 376

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

Triune God, Holy Three, Holy One, we confess that we do not know how to look for you. We do not sense your nearness. 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. Amen.

### DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Christ gave his life to save us from the wrath of God.

**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.

### \* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As children of God, we are no longer strangers, but friends. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

### SPECIAL MUSIC (SUN.)

*Agnus Dei*  
Bob & Diana Arp, Duet

MICHAEL W. SMITH

**CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.)** *All children are invited to come forward for a special message.*

\* **SONG#2038** from *Sing the Faith Songbook (SUN.)* ***Father, I Adore You***

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nicholas Warren, Liturgist (SUN.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18 : 1 - 15 ; 21 : 1 - 3

*(Pew Bible Old Testament, pages 14, 16)*

SERMON

"Recognizing the God of Laughter"

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor

***\*As you are able in body or in spirit, please rise.***

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION**

\* **RESPONSIVE SONG #2170** from *Sing the Faith* songbook      **God Made From One Blood**

**COMMISSIONING OF THE YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TEAM (SUN.)**

**COMMISSIONING LITANY**

*PC(USA) Book of Occasional Services*

**One:** We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

**All:** **The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

**One:** The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.

**QUESTIONS FOR YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TEAM MEMBERS & CONGREGATION**

Edward Yang, Brenda Sand, Max Porter (Leaders); Jessica Sand, Kaitlynn Meyer, Reagan Gausman, Lucas Miller, Mitchell Norris, Coden Prokopec, Meera Lange, Anjel Garcia Lopez, Ethan Yang

**COMMISSIONING PRAYER 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**

**OFFERTORY**

*This Is My Father's World*

ARR. WOOD

\* **DOXOLOGY (HYMN NO. 591)**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. 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 NO. 386**

*O for a World*

\* **BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

**POSTLUDE**

*Festive Voluntary*

PURCELL

***After praising God with the Postlude, all are warmly welcome to Sunday Fellowship time with refreshments, hosted this week by Chris & Laretta Dixon.***

***\*As you are able in body or in spirit, please rise.***

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## **JOYS & CONCERNS**

- ◆ Please pray for the Youth Summer Mission Team as they travel to Estes Park, CO on Monday (6/19) and return on Saturday (6/24). We ask for prayers for a safe journey, energy and endurance for our work, and openness to how God is at work.
- ◆ Please hold Dorsie & Pat Ivy in your prayers. Dorsie's brother Stan died June 1 in Las Vegas, NV.
- ◆ Please pray for Sarah Williams, mother of Rebecca Timperley, who is battling stage 4 breast cancer.
- ◆ Please pray for Kenn Leischner who is rehabbing from surgery at the Columbus Community Hospital.
- ◆ Please hold Sue (Marsh) Korgner in your prayers as she had surgery June 14th at Nebraska Medicine.

### **THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH**

#### **Sunday, June 18**

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

#### **Monday, June 19**

- 12:00pm BIG PALS-LITTLE PALS, EC 8
- 7:00pm Membership & Growth Meeting, EC 7
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

#### **Tuesday, June 20**

- 9:00am Annual Kitchen Clean-up, Kitchen, FH
- 11:30am Property & Finance Meeting, EC 8

#### **Wednesday, June 21**

- 7:30pm Circle 4 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

#### **Thursday, June 22**

- 6:30 pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

#### **Friday, June 23**

- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

#### **Saturday, June 24**

No events scheduled

#### **Sunday, June 25**

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

**MEALS ON WHEELS** - Thank you to Jean Royer and the volunteers who stepped up the week after Easter. Federated's next week of service will be July 3-7 with no delivery on July 4th. The Coordinator will be Charlotte Lambert (402-564-5834).

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE COOKIE DONATIONS**

Please deliver cookies to First United Methodist Church Outreach Center located at 3602 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Label cookies "THURSDAY BLOOD DRIVE" –**

Deliver cookies between 10:00-11:30am

**July 6 – Circle 1**

**July 13 – Circle 4**

**July 20 - Circle 2**

**July 27 - Rhombus**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

For more details, visit [www.federatedcolumbus.org](http://www.federatedcolumbus.org), or contact the church office (402)564-2812.

### **This Week at Federated**

**Summer Special Music Needed!** If you or someone you know can share special music this summer, please sign up on the bulletin board in the choir room. What a great way to share your God given gift with others!

### **Caring & Fellowship**

Soon in June! The **Annual Kitchen Clean-Up will be June 20 at 9 a.m.** Come for all, or whatever part of the day works for you. Both cleaning and inventory are done, and yes, we have fun!

**Looking Ahead:** Annual Garage & Bake Sale is **July 15.** You may bring your donations during regular church office hours beginning now. Drop them off in Ed. Center room EC 5. We can not accept TVs, computer monitors baby cribs or car seats.

### **Upcoming Preachers & Pastoral On-call**

Rev. Edward and Pulpit Supply preachers will lead worship while Rev. Annika is on Study Leave.

**Thursday, June 22:** Rev. Cindi Stewart, First UMC

**Sunday, June 25:** Rev. Seong Lee, First UMC

**Thursday, June 29:** Pastor Adam Lassen, St. Luke's UCC

**Sunday, July 2:** Rev. Connie Stone

**Thurs, July 6 & Sunday, July 9:** Rev. Edward

Please contact Rev. Edward for pastoral care during the summer except on the following dates:

**June 19 - 24 :** Pastor Linda Mohr

**June 28 - July 5 :** Pastor Linda Mohr

### **Mission & Outreach**

**Thank you to all the volunteers who recently helped with VBS and the Habitat for Humanity project.**

### **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 23.** Late applications are subject to a reduction penalty.