

FEDERATED CHURCH



Into Our New Century in the Spirit of Christ



Thursday, August 15, and Sunday, August 18, 2019

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 — please ask them if you need hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals — ushering this week are Rick Porter (Thurs.), Don Anderson, Dana Augspurger and John Novotny.

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 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 for videos of worship and bulletins, and on TV at Noon on Spectrum Channel 1304 (HD) Mondays & Saturdays and Sunday at 8pm.

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 staff or pastor.
- ♦ Please hold John & Julie McClure in your prayers. Beverly Lightner, Julie's mother, passed away on August 2nd. A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, NE on August 10.
- ♦ Please continue to pray for Marcene Wurdeman as she recovers from surgery. She is currently rehabbing at Emerald Care.
- ♦ Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Albion/Akron congregation. may they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.
- ♦ Thank you all for the memorials and notes. It is comforting to know how much (Lee) meant to so many people! ~ Sincerely, Barb Hicks

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, August 18

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
12-3:00pm Diaper Changing Station @ Columbus Days
3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, August 19

12:00pm BIG PALS ~ LITTLE PALS, EC 8
6:30pm CM Teachers Meeting, EC 8

Tuesday, August 20

1:00pm Summer Afternoon Bible Study, EC 8
5:30pm YM Teachers Meeting, AD 1
6:30pm Finance & Property Committee Meeting, EC 8
6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 279, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 21

10:00am Staff Meeting, AD1
5:30pm Summer Evening Bible Study, EC8

Thursday, August 22

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, August 23

5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

Saturday, August 24

2:00pm Volkmer-Zaim Wedding, Sanctuary

Sunday, August 25

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship, Sanctuary

GREETERS WANTED! Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex provided by the Membership & Growth Committee! Thank you!

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES AT FEDERATED

- John Ellefson Memorial Service - August 31st

Summer is coming to an end. The **Chancel Choir** is getting ready to resume. Please consider joining the choir. They meet Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 and provide special music for Sunday morning services. The third Sunday of each month is reserved for the Bell Choir. The first rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4. Come and see what it is all about. The only requirement is a sincere desire to share God's word in song.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Families with Young Children: During the summer (May 26 - Sept. 1), children are welcome to go to the nursery right after the Children's Sermon. Parent/guardian(s) are also welcome to sit in the library during the service. Of course, families with young children are welcome to stay in the sanctuary throughout the service. There is a saying: "If there is no crying, the church is dying." We welcome the cries of young children.

New book for the Christian Book Discussion Group

The book, "The Triumph of Christianity, how a forbidden religion swept the world" by Bart Ehrman, will be the next book to be reviewed at the Tuesday morning Christian Book Discussion. The author examines how a tiny band of mostly illiterate outsiders converted the proud Roman Empire in just three centuries. Copies of this book are available at Amazon.com. Mark your calendars to meet with us at 7:00 AM on Tuesday, September 3rd for a light breakfast and a stimulating discussion in Fellowship Hall. In preparation, read the introduction and first chapter of the book.

NEEDED: Story Tellers for Children's Sermon

The Christian Education Committee is asking for volunteers for the Children's Sermons to help Pastor Edward with the church service when he is preaching on Sundays. The Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex!

Thank you to Jean Royer and the crew of volunteers who delivered "Meals" August 12 - 16. Federated will deliver again the weeks of October 21 and December 23 (no delivery on December 24 & 25). With 10 churches rotating 52 weeks, this is our year to have six weeks of service.

On the 2nd Tuesday of each month, a time of prayer that is open to all, is held in our **sanctuary** from **11:30AM -12:30PM**. In July, we completed our goal of praying for every person in our church family. Within the last 6 months we have spoken your name in prayer and asked for God's blessing in your life. This time of gathering before God in prayer, reminds us that we are not alone in facing the challenges of life. Whether you are new to prayer or have practiced for years, you are welcome here. If you have questions or prayer requests please contact:

Church office – 402-564-2812

Email - fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org or

Barb Sanderson – 402-910-3586

Email - bjs.sanderson@gmail.com

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019

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

The Prelude invites us to begin our time of worship; please take this time for silent reflection.

PRELUDE

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

ARR. WILLIAM/YOUNG

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **(Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.)**

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

All: let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

One: and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

All: Mindful of the gifts we receive and confident of the sustenance the Lord provides,

One: let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 364

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of hope, we confess our disregard of your care, our doubt of your providence and our blindness to signs of your love. We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life; we separate ourselves from you and from others and foster divisions between those you love. Help us to amend our lives and make us your faithful people who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: God hears our confession, rejoicing as we desire amendment of life.

All: God lifts us from our despondency to rejoice in the company of the saints.

One: God acknowledges the forces that separate us and brings us to peace.

All: We rejoice in the knowledge of our reconciliation and a life lived in the presence of God.

One: Alleluia, Amen.

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC (SUN.)

Holy, Holy, Holy
AMANDA WEEDER

ARR. HAM

* PASSING THE PEACE

One: Let us celebrate God's grace by sharing a sign of peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

* SING THE FAITH SONG #2233 (SUN.) **Where Children Belong (sung twice)**

All children are invited to come forward for a special message.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.)

BECCA TIMPERLEY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Marv Zoucha, Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

LETTER TO THE HEBREWS 11 : 29 - 12 : 2

PEW BIBLE NEW TESTAMENT PAGE 226

SERMON

Running Together

Pastor Edward Yang

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Adapted from *Uniting in Worship* and the Episcopal Church USA by David Beswick)

We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, for all your servants and witnesses of time past:

For Abraham, the father of believers, and Sarah his wife,

for Moses the lawgiver, and Aaron, the priest,

for Miriam and Joshua, Deborah and Gideon,

for Samuel with Hannah his mother,

for David, king and psalmist of Israel,

for Isaiah and the prophets,

for Mary, the mother of our Lord,

for Joseph, Elizabeth and John the Baptist,

for Peter and Paul and the apostles,

for Mary and Martha, and Mary Magdalene,

for Stephen, the first martyr,

for Ignatius and Polycarp,

for Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Oscar Romero and all the martyrs ancient and modern;

for Augustine, Luther, Calvin and Wesley and all reformers and evangelists,

for Hilda, Julian of Norwich, Teresa of Avila and saintly women

whose example of devotion inspires us to be your saints and faithful witnesses;

In your mercy, give us as you give to all the faithful, the hope of salvation and promise of eternal life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first born of many from the dead. Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN**

Faith of the Martyrs (see attached sheet)

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

OFFERTORY

Take My Life and Let It Be

ARR. SPRUNGER

*** DOXOLOGY ‡**

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**

We trust, O God, in your provision and loving kindness. Use these gifts and our lives that we might bear your fruit with praise and thanksgiving. We ask this in the confidence of your mercy and love. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN NO. 354**

Guide My Feet (verses 1 - 4)

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Tuckets and Tabors

BINCKES

*All are welcome to Sunday fellowship, at Café LaFed,
hosted this week by John & Katie Claus.*

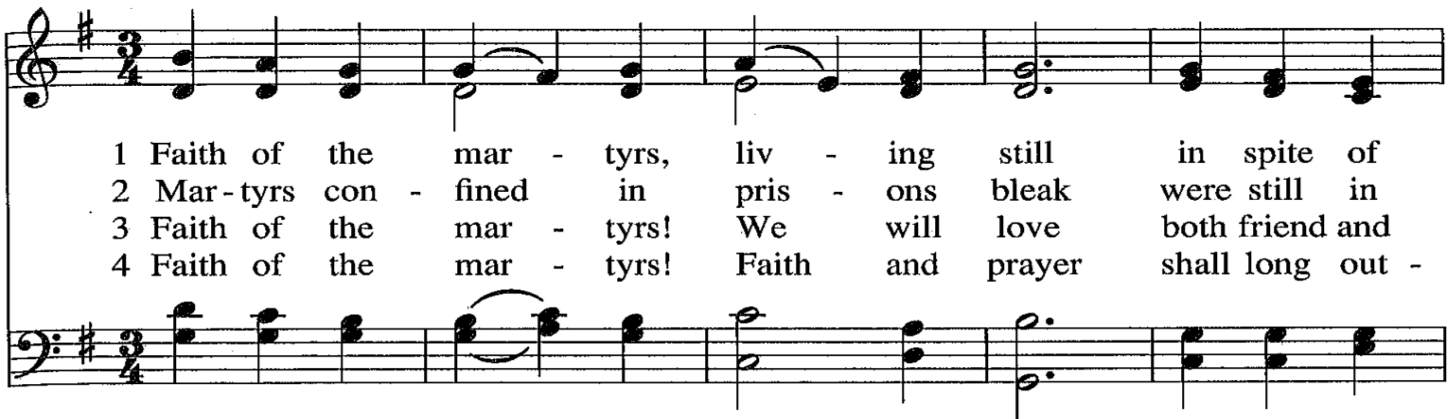
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‡ tune on page 592 of hymnal

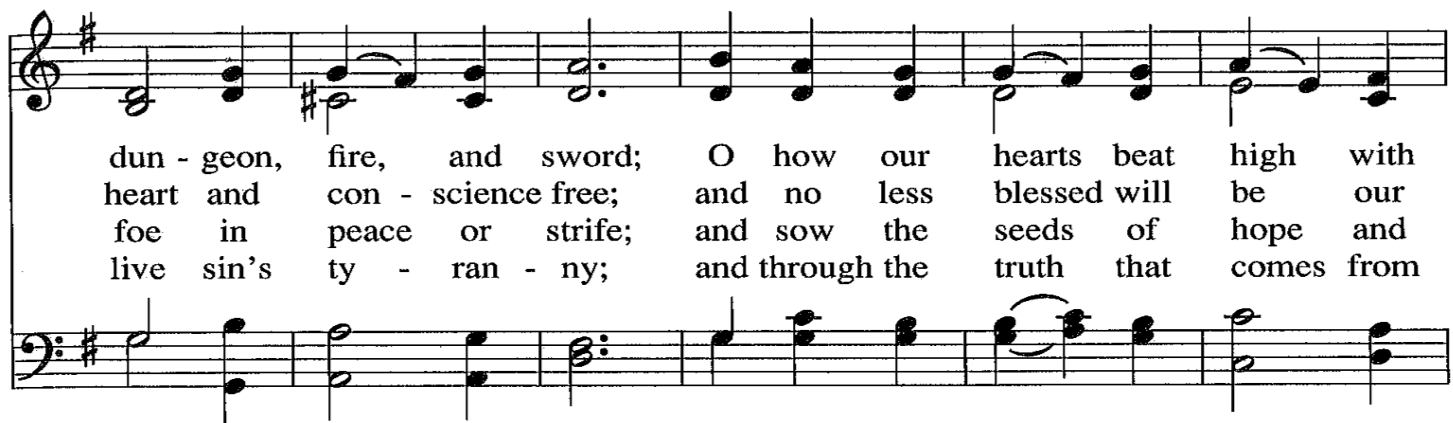
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Faith of the Martyrs

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Frederick W. Faber, 1849; alt.


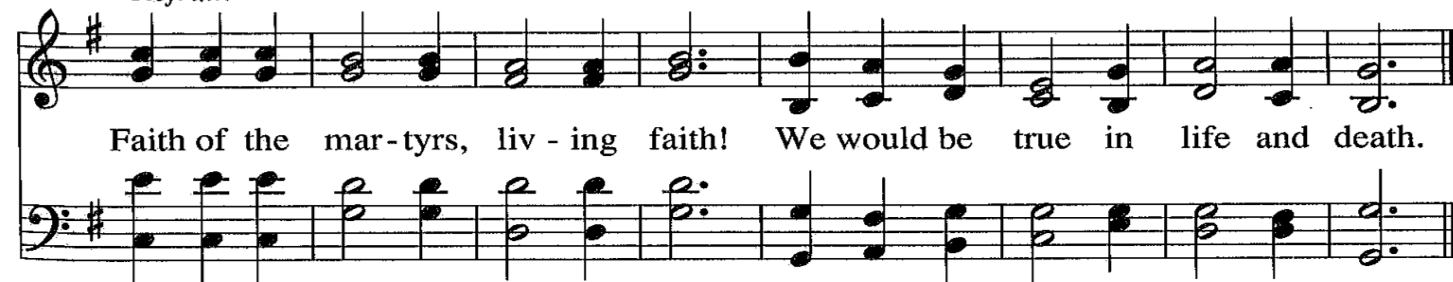
1 Faith of the mar - tyrs, liv - ing still in spite of
 2 Mar - tyrs con - fined in pris - ons bleak were still in
 3 Faith of the mar - tyrs! We will love both friend and
 4 Faith of the mar - tyrs! Faith and prayer shall long out -



dun - geon, fire, and sword; O how our hearts beat high with
 heart and con - science free; and no less blessed will be our
 foe in peace or strife; and sow the seeds of hope and
 live sin's ty - ran - ny; and through the truth that comes from



joy, when we re - call their faith's re - ward:
 fate if we, like them, live faith - ful - ly:
 faith by strength - ening word and fear - less life:
 God all hu - man - kind shall then be free:

Refrain


Faith of the mar - tyrs, liv - ing faith! We would be true in life and death.

*The Greek term martures is translated in the New Testament as
 "witness" and forms the basis for the English word "martyr."*

Tune: ST. CATHERINE L.M. with refrain
 Henri F. Hemy, 1864
 Adapt. James G. Walton, 1874



COLUMBUS FEDERATED
MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

MOPS, Mothers of Preschoolers is a Christian ministry seeking to connect moms from all around the world to a community of women in their neighborhood; we meet together to embrace the journey of motherhood. MOPS offer emotional support, friendship, mentoring, education and creative activities. We accept mothers with children from childbirth to graduating kindergarten. Childcare is provided by loving and trained volunteers. MOPS meeting is held at the Federated Church usually on the second Friday of the month from 8:30 am to 11am, during the school year. If you are interested in joining please check out our Facebook page Columbus Federated MOPS and also feel free to take a look at the MOPS site <https://www.mops.org> or pick up a registration form at the Federated Church office. Please register by August 15th 2019 for a guaranteed spot. If you have any questions please contact Julie Wilke at 402-276-1232 or julie_wilke@yahoo.com, We would love to have you join this amazing sisterhood!

We are currently seeking volunteers for our MOPS KIDS childcare program at Federated Church! MOPS KIDS volunteers provide a loving, safe, and appropriate care for the children while their moms are attending the meetings. Children are from birth to kindergarten age and the meetings are held every 2nd Friday of the month September thru May from 8:30 am till 11:15am. First meeting is Sept 13. Some of the many activities you will be doing is bible story, craft, snack, gym time and music all provided by the MOPS KIDS Coordinator. MOPS KIDS Volunteers are greatly appreciated and are a vital part of the MOPS Program! Volunteers are utilized as their schedule allows. If you love children and are available to help at any of our MOPS meetings please contact Julie Wilke at 402-276-1232 or julie_wilke@yahoo.com or Melissa Kroenke at 402-651-9888.

We would love to have you this 2019-2020 MOPS season!!!

Membership and Growth is organizing small groups for Federated Church members and their friends.

Check any you would be interested in:

- ☐ Family Fun Group – families
- ☐ Sunday Lunch Bunch – after church
- ☐ Electronic Learning Small Group
- ☐ Book Readers Small group
- ☐ Hiking Small Group – day hikes 3-4 times a year
- ☐ Music/Art/Museum Small Group – day trips
- ☐ Dinner and a movie Small Group
- ☐ Other ideas ????

Name

Tools for Building Resilience

A workshop presented by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in partnership with Missouri River Valley and Homestead Presbyteries.

At this workshop you will learn:

- Recognizing your own signs of stress
- Learn tools to use in difficult moments
- Increase calm and effective responses to stress
- Make lifestyle choice to promote resilience

Date: Monday, 9/9/2019

Registration: 1:00 PM

Workshop: 1:30-5 PM

Location: Federated Church
2704 15th Street, Columbus, NE

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