



FEDERATED CHURCH

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



Thursday, May 18 and Sunday, May 21, 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: Rick Porter (Thurs.); Jeanne Johnson, Rodger Grisham, Tim Warren, Dennis Vollbracht (Sun.), Malynn Knoepfle Slizoski (Youth).
Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals are also available.

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 for videos of worship and bulletins, or on Channel 99 (HD) Mondays & Saturdays at Noon and Sunday evenings at 8pm.

In case of an emergency, the pastors’ cell phone numbers are:

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PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

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

PRELUDE

*Just A Closer Walk with Thee
Song of Joy
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano*

ARR. DECO
BOODLE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, sing and rejoice! God has come to us in Jesus the Christ, reconciling the world.

All: People of God, sing and rejoice!

One: Where the Spirit of God is, there is healing, reconciliation, and hope.

All: Thanks be to God whose Spirit brings us the freedom to hope. Alleluia! Amen.

One: Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 481

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

Annie Lange, Acolyte

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

One: God, our Source, and Christ, our foundation,

All: we confess to you our carelessness and sins of omission.

One: Yet you are still faithful in your love for us,

All: calling us to be more than we can imagine, because of Christ.

One: Bless us, we pray, with the gift of love,

All: that we may see you at all times and in all people.

One: All are invited to offer silent prayers of confession.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

ROMANS 8 & 2 CORINTHIANS 5

One: Amen. Friends, hear the good news: there is no place where the love of God cannot dwell.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

* SONG #2056

God is So Good

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM (SUN.)

And the Father Will Dance

ARR. M. HAYES

* 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.

Children and Sunday School Teachers are invited to come forward during the Passing of the Peace.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION (SUN.)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Joie Taylor, Liturgist

READING OF SCRIPTURE

The Acts of the Apostles 9: 1 - 9

PEW BIBLE NEW TESTAMENT, PAGE 127

SERMON FOR ALL AGES

“so they led him by the hand” (Acts 9:8)

Annika Lister Stroope, Senior Pastor

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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

* **RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 276**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (verses 1 & 2)

STUDY LEAVE COMMISSIONING (SUN.)

Rick Porter, President

RESPONSIVE HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (verse 3)

***Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES (SUN.)

Youth Ministries Committee

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ARR. LABENSKE

* **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**

Almighty God, receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness. Make our lives to be an acceptable offering in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.

* **HYMN NO. 315**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

* **BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

LUTKIN

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso

YOUNG

After praising God with the Postlude, all are warmly welcome to Sunday Fellowship time and to celebrate with the Class of 2017 in the Narthex, hosted by the Youth Ministry Committee.

Congratulations High School Graduates!

Brady Hanks, son of Fonda Hanks, from Columbus High School

Benjamin Lange, son of Paula & Dave Lange, from Lakeview High School

Riley Lyon, daughter of Amy & Tom Lyon, from Lakeview High School

Jenna Frances-Zhao Mares, daughter of Sue & Larry Mares, from Columbus High School

Regan Rine, daughter of Lori & Dave Rine, from Columbus High School

Vacation Bible School is June 5 - 9

at First United Methodist Church. Federated, First Methodist, and St. Luke's churches collaborate for this fun week of learning and serving! Children from age 3 through 4th grade are welcome Registration forms are in the Narthex. Invite friends, neighbors, extended family! Requesting ADULT VOLUNTEERS AND TEENAGE HELPERS! Please contact Pastor Edward if you can help.



JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ Share your prayers for safe travel, learning, and serving with the Alumni Mission Trip to Cuba from May 27 through June 2.
- ◆ Please hold Kenn & Kathy Leischner in your prayers. Kenn is back at home.
- ◆ Please hold Carolyn, Cynthia, and Bill Irby in your prayers. Carolyn is residing at Brookestone. Cynthia continue to have cancer treatments.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, May 21

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, Education Center
- 10:45am Adult Education, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, May 22

- 4:00pm Emerson Tutoring, Emerson School
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 23

- 9:00am Staff Meeting, AD 1
- 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:00pm Governing Council Meeting, EC 8

Wednesday, May 24

- 3:00pm Wed. Youth after School, Fellowship Hall/Gym
- 6:30pm Puppet Ministry, EC 3/8
- 7:30pm Youth Club, Gym, Upper Room
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir practice, Choir Room

Thursday, May 25

- 6:30 pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, May 26

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

Saturday, May 27

- 3:00pm Hughes-Alther Wedding, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 28

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

Congratulations, Post-High School Grads!

Skylar Dreesen, daughter of Terry and Renee Norris, graduated magna cum laude from UNO on May 5th. She completed her bachelors in public health. Her future plans are to complete a internship with Nebraska Medicine and is employed at Metro Credit Union as a assistant manager.

Jeremy West received a B.S. in Education and the mathematics department merit award from Chadron State College. He is Shelby-Rising City's new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Teacher and Integration Specialist. Jeremy and Rev. Annika thank Federated for prayers and encouragement during Jeremy's transition from engineering to teaching.

The KOLN-KGIN 10-11 Can Caravan will be in Columbus on Tuesday, June 6 this year. Please bring Vacation Bible School canned food donations to the church before that date .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

This Week at Federated



Fish Banks for One Great Hour of Sharing will be received during Education Hour.

Adult Education - last week before summer hiatus!

Rev. Annika will share details about her upcoming Study Leave. She will visit nearly two dozen congregations in seven states. Take this opportunity to hear about her itinerary and to ask questions!

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!

Mission & Outreach

5th and 6th Grade Day Camp is Thursday, June 1 from 9am to 4pm at Camp Luther with Pastor Edward and leaders from First Methodist. Cost is \$5. Friends of Federated and First Methodist students are welcome! What to expect: swimming, canoeing, bonfire lunch, Bible lesson, and loads of FUN! RSVP to (402) 564-8463 or sarah.borgman@columbusfumc.com.

Mark your calendar for Federated's **Habitat for Humanity** build day on **Saturday, June 10**. Volunteers are needed for working and to make lunch and snacks. If you can help in any way, please contact Steve Heinisch (402) 564-9614.



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 July 15

Preachers in May & June

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

Thursday, May 25 - Pastor Adam Lassen of St. Luke's

Sunday, May 28 - Rev. Jim Splitt, retired, from Wahoo

Thursday, June 1 - Rev. Cindi Stewart of First Methodist

Sunday, June 4 - Pastor Linda Newman, Fremont UCC

Alumni Cuba Mission Trip report after worship

June 6 & 7 - Rev. Jane Ellefson on-call

Thursday, June 8 & Sunday, June 11 - Rev. Edward

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