

FEDERATED CHURCH



INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



**Thursday,
April 20, 2017**



**Sunday,
April 23, 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.); Clark Grant, David Lange, John McPhail, Bronwyn Prokopec (youth), and Dennis Vollbracht (Sun.).

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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WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

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

PRELUDE

They'll Know We Are Christians
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano (Thurs.), Columbus Jazz Quintet (Sun.)

ARR. HAYES/ICENOGLE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

Sue McClure - Caring for the Church Outdoor Spaces
Next Sunday - Children's Sunday and 5th Sunday Potluck

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from UCC Worship Ways, REV. R.C. JACKSON

One: God of grace and truth, we come to your house today to worship you.

All: We bring all of ourselves to you, what is whole and what is broken.

One: Blessing, glory, and honor are yours alone.

All: Praise to you, O God! Let us worship God!

* OPENING HYMN NO. 280

Amazing Grace (verses 1 & 2)

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.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC (SUN.)

He Hideth My Soul

ARR. HAYES/ICENOGLE

Keith Byrkit, keyboard; Stuart Gausman, sax; Bob Johnson, trumpet; Tom Pennington, drums; Jan Zaura, bass

READING OF SCRIPTURE

The Gospel according to Luke 14: 7 - 14

Charlotte Griffith, Liturgist (Sun.)

(*pew Bible New Testament page 77*)

SERMON

Annika Lister Stroope, Senior Pastor

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* SONG OF PRAISE (SUN.)

Jesus Loves the Little Children

WALSTON & ROOT



Je-sus loves the lit-tle chil-dren, All the chil-dren of the world. Red and yel-low, black and



white, They are pre-cious in His sight. Je-sus loves the lit - tle chil-dren of the world.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.) *All children are invited forward for a special message.*
Edward Yang, Associate Pastor

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (SUN.)

Baptism Hymn #2051 *Sing the Faith Songbook (Sun.)* ***I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry***

Presentation of Baptisand: *Emberle Harper Petersen*

Elder Rick Porter

*** Questions to the Parents & Congregation**

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

All: **We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church. In life, in death, in life beyond death. God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

BAPTISMAL 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.

BAPTISM AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (SUN.)

All: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in one ministry, for we are one in Christ. Amen.**

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 280**

Amazing Grace (verses 3 & 4)

*** 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.

All are invited to rise as you are able in body or in spirit to greet those around you.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

More About Jesus

ARR. HAYES/ICENOGLIE

*** DOXOLOGY †**

A.L. STROOPE

***Praise God for water giving life, Praise Christ, redeemer of our strife;
Praise Spirit dwelling all around, Our voices joyfully resound! Amen.***

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

All: **Generous God, we are graced to have been given your work to do. We are blessed to receive more than we will ever earn. Accept, we pray, our thanksgiving and offerings. Amen.**

*** CLOSING HYMN NO. 536**

Lord, Make Us More Holy

Cantors sing verse 1. Congregation sings verses 2-4.

*** BLESSING AND SENDING**

POSTLUDE

Four on Six

MONTGOMERY

After praising God with the Postlude, all are warmly welcome to Sunday fellowship time with refreshments at Café La Fed, hosted this week by the Stewardship Committee.

Special Sundays Coming Up at Federated

NEXT Sunday, April 30 - Children's Sunday and 5th Sunday Potluck

See back page of this bulletin for more details and share the bulletin insert with family and friends!

May 7 - Confirmation Sunday May 14 - Cuba Mission Trip Commissioning May 21 - Graduation Sunday

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

† tune on page 592 of hymnal

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JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ Thanks to the Columbus Jazz Quintet for joining us to praise God this morning! Hear the entire Columbus Jazz Orchestra at Maximus at 7 p.m. tonight.
- ◆ See photos of the Columbus Medical Mission in Haiti, with Bill Royer, Dr. Nila & John Novotny at: www.columbusmedicalmission.blogspot.com
- ◆ Thank you to all who delivered Meals on Wheels this past week (one week early for swap with St. Luke's).
- ◆ In this Easter season, please hold Federated's homebound members and friends in your prayers.
- ◆ From Paula Timperley & Rebecca Williams: "With great joy we invite you to share in our happiness as we exchange marriage vows May 13 at 4 p.m. at the Oak Ballroom in Schuyler. Please RSVP to attend the reception to sherlockdogtraining@gmail.com."
- ◆ Please continue to pray for Syrian refugees and all who are persecuted and victims of violence.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, April 23

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, Education Center
- 10:45am Adult Bible Education, EC 4/5
- 2:00pm Baby Shower, Fellowship Hall
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, April 24

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

Tuesday, April 25

- 7:00am Christian Book Discussion, Fellowship Hall
- 11:30am PEO, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00pm Consonaires Practice, Choir Room
- 7:00pm Governing Council Meeting, EC 8

Wednesday, April 26

- 11:00am Women's Fellowship Board Meeting, EC 8
- 3:00pm Wed. Youth after School, Fellowship Hall/Gym
- 5:30pm Bell Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 6:30pm Puppet Practice, EC 3/8
- 7:30pm Youth Club, Gym, Upper Room
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, April 27

- 10:30am Community Planning, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, April 28

- 9:00am MOPS Steering Meeting, B24, Gym
- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

Saturday, April 29

- 9:00am Fantastic 4-Hrs, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 30 Children's Sunday

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, Education Center
- 10:45am Adult Education, Sanctuary
- 11:30am 5th Sunday Sunday, Fellowship Hall
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

Women's Fellowship's annual **Birthdays Offering** will be received in the "Birthday Jar" in the Narthex on April 20, 23, 27 & 30. Thank you for supporting this church wide mission! ~ Social Concerns & Missions

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Special time for Children in
Sunday Worship (9:30am)
followed by bounce houses,
fun games & yummy food
for children and families.
All activities and food are free.

(children must be accompanied by an adult;
activities will run from 10:30am-2pm
with one hour lunch break)

Bring your friends!



April 30, 2017

Mission and Outreach

Columbus Inclusive Playground Fundraisers

Today at Ag Park from 11am to 5pm with free games and silent auction. Also on **May 4** from 7 - 9pm at the American Legion, learn how to make sushi. Tickets are \$50. RSVP for the May 4 event to Julie or Sheri (402) 606-4410.

Mark your calendar for Federated's **Habitat for Humanity** build day: **June 10**. More info to come!

Bible Studies & Christian Education

New Adult Education Series for April 23 & 30:

"Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture" with Old Testament Scholar Walter Brueggemann.

May 7: Director of Calvin Crest Camp, Craig Huffman, will share with us what is new at Calvin Crest. Parents, guardians, and grandparents encouraged to attend!

Caring and Fellowship

"Puppets and Puppetry" with Julie Graham **May 6, 11:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall! Phone Brunch reservations to Cec Bartholomew at 402-564-0264.

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!

