



FEDERATED CHURCH

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



Thursday, August 24, 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.),

Don Anderson, Dana Brandt, Julie Graham, John Novotny and 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 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).

From August 28 - September 3, please contact Pastor Linda Mohr (cell: 402-910-4009).

Governing Council 2017 - Federated Church Elders

Rick Porter, *President* • Dave Melick, *Vice President*
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Class of 2017

Chris Dixon
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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

*See What His Love Can Do
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano*

BACH
ARR. MARTIN

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The body is a unit though it is made up of many parts and though all the parts are many, they form one body.

All: So it is with Christ.

One: For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, male or female, white or black or brown, and give one Spirit to share.

All: Let us worship God in Spirit and in truth.

*GATHERING PRAYER

You have called us into your church, O God, to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to serve you in serving the entire human family. You call us to proclaim Your love and acceptance to all the world and to resist the powers of evil. In gratitude we accept your call, praise your holy name and respond to your grace and love. Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN NO. 439

In Christ There is No East or West

CONFESSION OF SIN

One: Let us confess our sin trusting in God's grace.

All: We have promised to live as your people, God. Yet we confess that we fail you and one another. We do not honor one another as we should. As the body of Christ we are often disjointed and clumsy. We do not work together to your glory. We refuse your cry for help in the voices of the poor and hungry. Forgive us. Encourage us with your love that we may commit ourselves to live as those who belong to you through the love and grace of Jesus. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news. In the example of Jesus' living we learn that God's love has no bounds. Through God's love we are forgiven and empowered anew. Thanks be to God!

* 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.

CENTERING PRAYER

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness and to work together with patience and respect. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12 : 1 - 8

The Message

Focus Scripture

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16 : 13 - 20

The Message

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

HYMN FOR PREPARATION NO. 426 *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

SERMON

Afraid to Preach

Rev. Kenn Leischner

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 367

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
(Chorus sung through twice)

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

Accept these offerings now placed on your table, O God, the giver of every good gift. Let them be used as symbols of our love and of ourselves now offered more fully to you. Use this offering and us, we pray so your realm may come and your will be done on earth. We pray together in the Spirit. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

* **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.*

* **HYMN OF SERVICE NO. 386**

O For a World

* **BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ Please prayer for Virginia and Dwayne Smith as they make decisions related to Virginia's loss of hearing and weakened eyesight.
- ◆ Please pray for Linda McPhail as she is receiving radiation treatment for cancerous lesions on her skull and preparing for lung cancer treatment.
- ◆ Please pray for Terry and Chad Stuart, members of the Catholic church, as Terry is receiving treatment for lung cancer. Chad is a leader for Scout Troop 212. The Stuart family are neighbors with the Yang family.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, August 27

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Confirmation Family Meeting, Library
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 5:00pm Boy Scouts Jamboree, Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 28

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

Tuesday, August 29

- 9:00am Staff Meeting, AD 1
- 6:30pm Nominating Committee, AD 1

Wednesday, August 30

No events scheduled

Thursday, August 31

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, September 1

- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

Saturday, September 2

No events scheduled

Sunday, September 3

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

Monday, September 4 (Labor Day)

Church Office Closed

Our guest preacher tonight is Rev. Kenn Leischner. Kenn is retired after more than 20 years of interim ministry across the country as a local church pastor and judicatory executive. His recently published book about the people and experiences he knew is entitled, "Stories I've Heard and Told: Memories and Meditations of a Wanderer".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Upcoming at Federated

Sunday School Kick-Off: Sept 10 - As we welcome children and youth back for a new year of educational activities, we will celebrate with a BBQ & Potluck hosted by the Youth Ministry and Christian Education Committees. Please bring a salad or side dish to share following education hour.

Chancel Choir Resumes - After the summer break filled with wonderful special music, the Chancel Choir will be back singing on Sept. 10. Rehearsals resume at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 6 in the choir room. Contact director Bob Arp with questions. Please consider joining this fun group!!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 26, Camp Calvin Crest Fundraiser will be their 20th and final Annual BBQ (11a.m.-1p.m.) and Quilt Auction. Quilts on display for silent auction (10 a.m-2 p.m.) and Live quilt auction at 1p.m. at Camp Calvin Crest (2870 County Road 13, Fremont.) On-line bidding at www.proxibid.com/calvincrest

The Social Concerns and Mission Committee will have a box out by the office area for donations to the Place at the Table/Backpack project starting Sunday, August 20th. Items may be brought thru the end of September. Needed are: 18 oz size of peanut butter (in plastic containers, not glass), 32 oz COMPLETE Pancake Mix and 15 oz LITE sliced peaches. Thank you for supporting this Mission Community Project.

Thank you to Charlotte Lambert and the many volunteer drivers and deliverers for their service the week of July 3. Federated's next week of delivery will be Sept. 11-15. Coordinator will be Cec Bartholomew - 402-564-0264.

Wednesday, September 6, 2017: Women's Fellowship Board Meeting at 2:30 p.m. in Room EC 8

Saturday, September 30: Fall Gathering— Presbyterian Women in Fremont

Upcoming Preachers & Pastoral On-call

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

Thursday, August 24: Rev. Kenn Leischner

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Sunday, September 3: Dr. Ford Craig

Please contact Rev. Edward for pastoral care during the summer.