

FEDERATED CHURCH



Thursday, February 27, and Sunday, March 1, 2020
First Sunday in Lent



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 Church.

The **Library & “Cry Room”** at the back of the Sanctuary is child friendly and include Sanctuary sound.

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 is John & Marilyn Petersen, Clark Smith, Randy Kaspar, and Cliff Jensen.

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.

Governing Council 2020 - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
Marcia Grant, President (402-276-1428) Tim Warren, Vice President Louise Moran, Secretary			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. Acting Head of Staff & Associate Pastor for CYF edward@federatedcolumbus.org	Jim Rains Office Manager j rains@federatedcolumbus.org
<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	Brenda Sand Temp. Christian Education Director brenda@federatedcolumbus.org	Chrissy Ford Bookkeeper & Publications Coord. cford@federatedcolumbus.org
Linda Wheatley	Gene Hahn	John McClure		
Doug Williams	Judy Temme	Renee Norris		
Steve McClure	Marv Zoucha	Alison Wagner	Lee Augustin, Organist	Bob Arp, Chancel Choir Director
Financial Administrators:	Donna Augspurger Terry Millard	Robin Lehr Terry Norris	Stuart Gausman Bell Choir Director	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia El Buen Pastor Fellowship

JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office staff/pastor.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Amy Brown, sister-in-law of Julie Graham, who died suddenly on February 20th.
- ◆ Please pray for Charlotte Lambert as she recovers from shoulder replacement surgery.
- ◆ Please pray for the Mission Study Committee (Julie Graham, Steve Heinisch, John McClure, Dave Melick, Lisa Perrin, Ashli Porter, Doug Williams and Marv Zoucha).

Volunteer & Engagement Opportunities

(if you would like more information, contact the person mentioned in the ad)

NEEDED: Story Tellers for Children's Sermon - please talk to Brenda Sand

Open Prayer Times - second Tuesday of every month at 11:30am - contact the Church Office or Barb Sanderson

Tuesday Morning Book Discussion - Tuesdays at 7am with coffee and a light breakfast -contact Bob Trautwein

Lectionary Bible Studies - Tues. @1:00pm and Weds. @4:30pm - contact Pastor Edward

Greeters Needed! Please sign up on sheet in Narthex.

"Sunday Lunch Bunch"

ABC - All 'Bout Conversation - contact Barb Olson or John & Nila Novotny - Godfathers March 1 (1st Sunday every month)

Batter Up - contact Bill & Jean Royer or Ben & Marilyn Vrana (2nd Sunday every month. March 8th at Super Buffet)

Runza Funza - Meets each Sunday at Runza, contact Tim & Val Rathje or Max & Ashli Porter
**For more information, coordinators are listed. If you have a Small Group event coming up, make sure to contact the church office so we can add it here!

Walk to Jerusalem - Federated Church is once again participating in this event for 2020. Send in your minutes/miles to the church office each Monday for the previous week. Email Jim or Chrissy at fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org or call them at 402-564-2812. Too cold to walk outside? Walk in the gym, Mon.-Fri. 8am - 4:00pm!

2X4S DINNERS TOGETHER

Contact Nila Novotny at 402-910-4091 or at nilanovotny@neb.rr.com if you would like to participate in the upcoming 2020 "2x4s" Dinners Together.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, March 1

- 9:00am Education Hour, EC, Upper Rooms
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15am Personnel Committee Meeting, AD 2

Monday, March 2

- 5:00pm Special Olympics Basketball Practice, Gym
- 5:15pm OSA Committee Meeting, Library
- 6:00pm Adult Education Sub-Committee, EC 4
- 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, March 3

- 7:00am Tues. Morn. Book Discussion, FH
- 1:00pm Lectionary Afternoon Bible Study, EC 8
- 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00pm Worship & Music Committee Mtg, Library

Wednesday, March 4

- 10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2
- 12:05pm Lenten Luncheon @ FUMC
- 4:30pm Lectionary Evening Bible Study, AD 2
- 6:30pm Youth Club, Upper Rooms
- 6:30pm H.I.S. Puppet Rehearsal, EC 3/8
- 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, March 5

- 5:00pm Special Olympics 5 on 5, Gym
- 6:15pm Scouts Roundtable, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 7:00pm Mission Study Committee Meeting, EC 4
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279, EC 7
- 7:30pm Order of the Arrow Meeting, EC 8

Friday, March 6

- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, March 7

- 9:00am Fantastic 4-Hers Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 8

- 9:00am Education Hour, EC, Upper Rooms
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:10am Youth Ministry Committee Meeting, AD 2
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship, Sanctuary

Federated Church will be responsible to deliver **Meals on Wheels** the week of **March 2nd - 6th**.

Coordinator will be **Renee Bellum** at 402-563-2441



The Annual Boy Scouts Troop 212 Pancake Feed will be held on Tuesday, March 24th in the Fellowship Hall from 4:30pm until 7:30pm. Free will donation or Kids \$4.00 and Adults \$6.00.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, AND SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020

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

Aria in Ab Major
Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

BACH
ARR. SMITH

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

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

A SANCTIFIED ART & UCC WORSHIP WAYS

One: God hovered over the void and breathed life into dust.

All: God created in the wilderness.

One: The Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years.

All: The Israelites found God in the wilderness.

One: Jesus said “no” to the tempter time and time again.

All: Jesus claimed his identity in the wilderness.

One: We grow in the wilderness. We learn in the wilderness.

All: For God is with us—before, through, and after the wilderness.

One: Let us worship God!

All: Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN NO. 268** *God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Creation, the psalms remind us that even before a word is on our tongue, you know it completely. You know the prayers we bring before you today—confessions of greed and doubt, fear and anxiety, conflict and regret. Free us from these sins. Give us the strength to say “no” to that which separates us from you, and “yes” to the things that let love grow. Guide us out of our self-created wilderness spaces and into your light.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Even as Adam and Eve faced the consequences of their sin,

All: our God prepared a way for them still to be connected to the earth and to the living presence of God.

One: So it is with all of us: in Christ's life, ministry, death and resurrection,

All: we are made able to persist, upright and strong,

One: for our sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

CHORAL ANTHEM (SUN.)

Behold the Lamb!
Bob Arp, Director

ARR. LARSON

*** PASSING THE PEACE**

One: God makes peace with us. Let us claim it.

All: God makes peace between us. Let us share it.

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

*** Sing the Faith #2164 (Sun.)**

Sanctuary

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.)

All children are invited to come forward for a special message.
Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2 : 15 - 17; 3 : 1 - 7

PEW BIBLE OLD TESTAMENT PAGES 2 - 3

One: God's living word, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **RESPONSIVE HYMN** (attached music) *One Person's Sin Changed Every Life*

COMMISSIONING LITANY (SUN.)

Columbus Medical Mission Team to Chifundo Clinic in Zambia, March 12-28, 2020:

Gina Frey (Nurse, Columbus), Miguel Godoy (Pastor, Columbus Centro Misionero De Cristo Church), Jill Morris (Traveling Nurse, Columbus), Nila Novotny (Surgeon, Columbus), John Novotny (MacGyver, Columbus), Lisa Weber (Hospice Social Worker, Columbus), Dr. Gerry Luckey (Physician, Family Medicine, David City), Ann Magnussen (PA Student, Omaha), Susan Wiley (Nurse, Omaha), Dawn Sassi-Dambron (Nurse, California), Jamison Macke (PA, Manhattan, KS), Conner Novacek (Nurse, KC, KS), Christina Congdon (CRNA, New York), Jessica Gregory (Anesthesia student, New York), Justin Lee (Anesthesia student, New York), Sabrina Patrillo (CRNA, New York)

Litany, Info Sharing, Questions & Prayer

* **Commissioning Hymn No. 525** *Here I Am, Lord*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Congregants are served communion in the pews. Please hold the bread and cup to partake together. Federated celebrates an open table, meaning all who trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Grape juice (and fructose-free alternative) is served, though the service sometimes refers to "wine." Gluten-free wafers are at the center of bread trays. Children are welcome to receive communion with the permission of parents/guardians as part of the family's on-going conversations about faith. After partaking, please place cups in pew holders.

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Prayer

AMBROSIA

* **LENTEN DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.***

* **UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Faithful God, let these gifts be like food and drink in the wilderness for those who have suffered and longed for your presence. May these offerings strengthen those who are resisting temptation and lead us to attend to all who need your healing touch. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our example and savior. Amen.

* **CLOSING HYMN NO. 434***Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples** **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Chorale: Help Me, Lord

HARM. SCHREINER

All are welcome to Sunday fellowship at Café LaFed, hosted by El Buen Pastor Fellowship.

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

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One Person's Sin Changed Every Life

WOODWORTH LM ("Just as I Am, Without One Plea")

1. One _____ per - son's sin _____ changed eve - ry
2. Not _____ sa - tis - fied _____ with what _____ you
3. Then, _____ God, in love _____ you sent _____ your
4. O _____ God, we've seen _____ what death _____ can

life; when A - dam strayed, we too were lost. The _____
gave, your peo - ple sought to be like you. Those _____
Son, for as _____ in A - dam we did re - fall, so _____
do, and now with joy, we know re - birth. In _____

world soon filled _____ with death and strife _____ and
ear - ly hu - mans dis - o beyed _____ their
through the faith - ful - ness of One, _____ sal -
Je - sus Christ, _____ you make us new _____ and

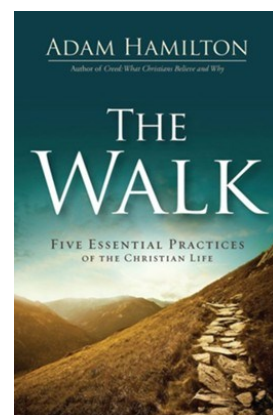
eve - ry per - son bears the cost. _____
sto - ry is _____ our sto - ry, too. _____
va - tion was _____ your gift all. _____
give your life _____ for all the earth. _____



Remember to **SPRING**
your clocks ahead one hour
on **March 8th!**

Adult Education started a new series for Lent! 'The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life' by Adam Hamilton which will "deepen your walk with Christ (while exploring) five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving and bearing witness to our faith."

Education Hour for Adults meet in the Education Center Room 4 at 9:00am Sunday mornings.



Help Support Our Ministry and Worship Time!

It is time to update the list of people willing to support our worship experience in one or more of these ways. "I've never done it before!" No problem! You will be welcomed by someone who will help you learn.

These roles include:

Liturgist - Read scripture and guide us during the service

Usher - Welcome us into the sanctuary and collect the offering

Communion server - Distribute the elements, wash and store the serving trays, pitcher, and chalice. This requires a person who is currently serving, or has ever served in the past as a member of the Governing Council (elder), or Order of Saint Andrew (deacon).

You may indicate your interest by contacting : Barb Sanderson - Phone or text 402-910-3586
e-mail - bjs.sanderson@gmail.com OR use the tear off section below and place it in the offering.

I can help in the following way(s) – check your interest

Liturgist___ Usher___ Communion Server___

Name_____

Contact information:

Phone or e-mail address _____

Sunday | JOHN 14:1-3

We live in a time of increasing isolation and loneliness. People move frequently, work remotely and have shorter tenures at their jobs. Yet, the need for connection and community is universal. Everyone needs a place where they are welcomed and valued, a space where they can both contribute and be cared for when they are at their worst. Jesus assures his followers that despite the physical separation that is to come, he does not and will not abandon them.

Yet, troubled hearts beat within and all around us. Anxiety pervades our pews and our culture. People feel weighed down and burdened. Isolation and loneliness silently creep into our lives. We hesitate to speak of our pain lest we appear ungrateful or incapable. Jesus knows our grief and our questions, our longings and our losses.

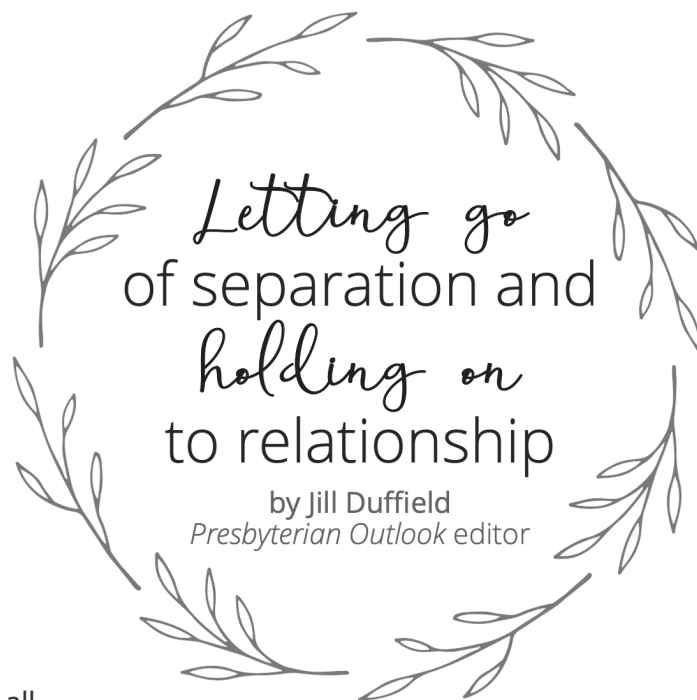
Lent offers us a season of repentance, but also a time to reconnect with the God who loves us with abandon. Lent calls us to confession, but also to community. As you take stock of your life – your hopes and disappointments, your worries and the wonder – remember that you are not alone. Jesus not only prepares a place for us, he gifts us with others to pray for and with us, to walk with us on this journey. As you enter time of intentional prayer and practice this Lent, know you do not do so in isolation. The entire Body of Christ goes together to the cross. Notice who is lagging behind, lighten the load of those carrying heavy burdens, rest when necessary, prepare a place for others to find solace and cling to the promise that Jesus will not abandon us.

Lord, you promise to make a place ready just for us. When our hearts are troubled and we feel alone, surround us with others who journey with us, no matter where we go or what we face. Send your Spirit to remind us that your burden is light, you grant rest, you give us the gift of community and connection and call us to seek out those still far off and afraid. Amen.

Monday | DEUTERONOMY 31:6

Today take courage, knowing that God does not abandon you. Consider where God may be calling you to speak up or step out in ways that witness to God's love. Are there people of faith you think of as courageous? What makes them so and how would you want to emulate them?

Almighty God, you call us to be courageous in the faith, taking risks for the sake of the gospel. Forgive us when we shrink from bearing witness to your will and ways. Help us to take the next right and bold step on the Way until we are emboldened to run the race set before us. Amen.



Tuesday | HEBREWS 13:5

Today, practice being content. What gifts are in your life right now? Notice when you buy into the message that you need better or more of something. Recognize when you are being sold a consumerist vision of life. Notice and contrast it with Jesus' vision of life, and give thanks for all that you see that is good.

Lord, you came that we might have abundant life and that abundance consists of peace that passes understanding, a light burden, the promise of your never-failing presence and the gift of the Body of Christ. We praise you for the countless ways you daily chase us down with grace and mercy. Amen.

Wednesday | PSALM 94:14-15

What does judgment founded on righteousness mean? We often judge people based on their appearance, or their political views, or where they live, creating divisions where God desires connections. Pay attention to when and how you judge those you encounter today. What assumptions do you make? How can you let go of judgment and consider what God's judgment based on righteousness looks like?

Loving God, your ways are not our ways, and yet we often assume you agree with us. We fail to see with the eyes of Christ and instead project onto others our biases and experiences. Open us to the leadings of the Holy Spirit, suspend our judgment in order that we might first see in others your divine image and treat them accordingly. Amen.

Thursday | MATTHEW 18:20

We church people hear frequently that when two or three are gathered, Jesus is in the midst of us — but do we pay attention to his presence among us? Today, when you find yourself with others, remember that Jesus is in that very group too. How does this truth impact your words, attitude and interactions?

Lord Christ, you are always between us, among us, present with us. We can trust your promise to remain with us always. When we grow isolated or feel frustrated in our relationships, grant us an awareness that you are in the midst of us, bringing forgiveness, working toward reconciliation and holding us together. Amen.

Friday | JOHN 14:18-20

There are promises in the Bible that require us to enter a mystery that we can never fully understand, but can surely relish. Jesus tells us in these verses that we are united with God through him, that he abides in us and we in him. Read these verses several times and rest in the knowledge of your closeness with the holy.

Dear God, we rest in knowledge too wonderful for us, knowing that you are as close to us as our own breath, closer even. We will never understand the mystery of being united in Christ and, through Christ, made a part of the holy Trinity. Our only response is to rejoice in your grace and give thanks. Amen.

Saturday | MATTHEW 28:19-20

The assurance of Jesus' presence is not for our sake only. We are given a commission and sent to share the Good News we've heard. Today, how are you fulfilling the Great Commission? In what ways are you making disciples and teaching Jesus' commandments? Who are those who taught you about Jesus?

Lord, we are reluctant to make disciples and teach your commandments. We feel uncertain about what to do. Yet, you promise to be with us and to send the Spirit to empower us. Help us to live what we've learned so completely that everything we do bears witness and points others to you. Amen.