



FEDERATED CHURCH

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



**Fourth
Sunday
of
Lent**



**Thursday,
March 28 and
Sunday
March 31,
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 month are **Ushers are here to help you and** Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals are also available. Ushering this month are Rick Porter (Thursday), Randy Kaspar, John and Marilyn Petersen, Clark Smith, and Hunter Yang, Youth Usher (Sunday).

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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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, AND SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 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

Angelus

LISZT

Lee Augustin, Piano & Organ

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

MOMENT FOR SERVICE OPPORTUNITY TO OUR CHURCH (SUN.)

Sue McClure

* CALL TO WORSHIP

UCC WORSHIP WAYS

One: Be glad in our God and rejoice. Shout for joy!

All: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

One: Therefore, we worship our God, and rejoice.

All: In Christ, we become as a new creation.

One: Everything old has passed away.

All: See how God makes things new.

One: Let us worship God!

* OPENING HYMN NO. 285

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Taytum Miller, Acolyte

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we know that you have given us the ministry of reconciliation and have called us to be ambassadors for Christ. Yet, we have often examined the sin in others and not embraced them in your love. Instruct us and teach us the way to go in your love. Show us how to regard others not from the limits of a human point of view but to see them through the eyes of love divine. Amen.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us! Hear the promise of God:

All: Confess our transgressions to our God who forgives the guilt of our sin.

One: Even when we are still far off from what we are called by God to be,

All: our God sees us and is filled with compassion.

One: God rejoices over each of us.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM (Sun.)

O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

HOWELLS

Bob Arp, Director

* 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.

* RESPONSIVE SONG #2193 Sing the Faith Songbook (SUN.) **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON (Sun.) *All children are invited forward for a special message.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Marilyn Vrana, Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 15 : 1 - 3, 11 - 24

PEW BIBLE NEW TESTAMENT PAGES 78-79

SERMON

"Parable of The Prodigal Father and Two Lost Sons"

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - EXCERPT FROM CONFESSION OF BELHAR (1986)

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church
as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;
We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;
that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force,
yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought:
one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;
We believe that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe
that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups
is sin which Christ has already conquered,
and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church
and must be resisted...
Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

* RESPONSIVE HYMN

The Prodigal Son

please see music on 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

What Wondrous Love Is This

HYMN NO. 85

* 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

Thank you, O God, for loving us and laboring with us as we seek you and as we help others in their seeking. Bless these offerings which we return to you, that in our seeking and our serving, we may help others to feel the embrace of your and our wide welcome. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN NO. 298

There's a Wideness in God's Love

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (SUN.)

Postlude on "St. Gertrude"

PRENTISS

*After praising God with the Postlude, all are invited to a good time of fellowship and food at
Taste of Federated, a fundraiser for the youth summer mission team (freewill donations will be accepted).*

The Prodigal Son

ASH GROVE 6.6.11.6.6.11 D ("Let All Things Now Living")

1. "Can't wait till your death - bed! You might as well drop dead!"
2. He lost his pre - ten - ses and came to his sen - ses:
3. The el - der son, lis - tening, heard mu - sic and danc - ing;

A son told his dad, "Give my share of this place."
"The son ser - vants at his home have it had been wel - comed this." home.

His dad chose to give him some land that they lived on.
The hurt - ing out - side, hur - ried, but still an - ger was con - sum - ing:
He stood ing out - side, fum - ing, his an - ger was con - sum - ing,

That son sold the land; it was quite a dis - grace.
Would he'd be nev - er had - en such or a killed or of dis - missed?
for he'd nev - er had - en such or a killed or of dis - missed?
own.

Biblical Reference: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Tune: Traditional Welsh melody

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He went from that coun - try and was - ted the mon - ey.
 His dad said, "You're liv - ing!" and ran to for - give him;
 "Your broth - er's re - turn - ing is what I've been yearn - ing,"

There came a great drought; he was soon feed - ing swine.
 he said, "Bring a ring and who a robe! San - dals, too!
 the fath - er said, "He who was lost has been found."

Life gave him a beat - ing; he longed to be eat - ing
 Now make we, a feast that read - y! It's time for a par - ty!
 So we, like that broth - er, must love one an - oth - er,

the pods in the pig yard at his din - ner - time.
 My for son God who was a dead par - ent whose life that is new!"
 for God is a bounds.

Selected Quotes from Henri Nouwen's *Return of the Prodigal Son*:

"I am beginning now to see how radically the character of my spiritual journey will change when I no longer think of God as hiding out and making it as difficult as possible for me to find him, but, instead, as the one who is looking for me while I am doing the hiding."

"In the past I always thought of gratitude as a spontaneous response to the awareness of gifts received, but now I realize that gratitude can also be lived as a discipline. The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy."

"Gratitude as a discipline involves a conscious choice. I can choose to be grateful even when my emotions and feelings are still steeped in hurt and resentment. It is amazing how many occasions present themselves in which I can choose gratitude instead of a complaint. I can choose to be grateful when I am criticized, even when my heart still responds in bitterness. I can choose to speak about goodness and beauty, even when my inner eye still looks for someone to accuse or something to call ugly. I can choose to listen to the voices that forgive and to look at the faces that smile, even while I still hear words of revenge and see grimaces of hatred."

"Celebration belongs to God's Kingdom. God not only offers forgiveness, reconciliation, and healing, but wants

to lift up these gifts as a source of joy for all who witness them. In all three of the parables which Jesus tells to explain why he eats with sinners, God rejoices and invites others to rejoice with him. "Rejoice with me," the shepherd says, "I have found my sheep that was lost." "Rejoice with me," the woman says, "I have found the drachma I lost." "Rejoice with me," the father says, "this son of mine was lost and is found." All these voices are the voices of God. God does not want to keep his joy to himself. He wants everyone to share in it."

"The parable that Rembrandt painted might well be called 'The Parable of the Lost Sons.' Not only did the younger son, who left home to look for freedom and happiness in a distant country, get lost, but the one who stayed home also became a lost man. Exteriously he did all the things a good son is supposed to do, but, interiorly, he wandered away from his father. He did his duty, worked hard every day, and fulfilled all his obligations but became increasingly unhappy and unfree."



Rembrandt van Rijn, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, c. 1661-1669

We would like to have greeters before the Sunday morning services. Please fill out the form below with your name, contact information and what month(s) you might be available. We will try to do a month at a time, but people may be able to share a month also.

Nila Novotny, Membership and Growth Committee

Name _____

Phone/ Email _____

Month(s)/date(s) available _____

This doesn't mean you'll have to do more than one month, but gives flexibility



EASTER FLOWERS

Please **order flowers** by April 8th.
Easter Flowers are given to God's glory,
and may also be designated as a memorial
and/or given in honor of special persons.



ANY PLANTS REMAINING IN THE SANCTUARY AFTER THE EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DURING THE NEXT WEEK. THE LILIES AND BEGONIAS WILL HELP US EXTEND THE LOVE OF CHRIST TO FOLKS RESIDING IN THE RETIREMENT CENTERS AND NURSING HOMES OF COLUMBUS. YOUR DONATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. - THE ORDER OF ST. ANDREW

	Quantity	Total
Lily - \$9.00		\$
Begonia - \$15.00		\$
Grand Total - due to church office by April 8th		\$

***Plants purchased elsewhere are welcome.
Please label it with your name
if you wish to collect it after the service.***

Donor Name(s) _____

To God's glory and in memory of _____

To God's glory and in honor of _____

***Please return this form and payment to church office
in offering plates or in the white mailbox by the church office door by April 8th. Thank you!***
Make checks payable to Federated Church. Please note 'Easter Flowers' on the memo line.

JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ Please lift up Jane Ellefson in your prayers as she is with her ill brother in Albuquerque, NM.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Marge Gaeth, including her daughter Shirley Spence. Marge passed away on March 24. Her funeral was held Thursday, March 28th at 1st Presbyterian Church in Schuyler.
- ◆ Please hold the Wolfe Family in your prayers. You can pray specifically for “dry weather, safety while we work, equipment to keep working, for our physical and mental health as we work through this, and for our animals to stay healthy,” as shared by Kristi Wolfe.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, March 31

- 9:00am Sunday School, Ed. Center, Upper Room
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Taste of Federated, Fellowship Hall
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, April 1

- 5:15pm Order of St. Andrew Meeting, Library
- 7:00pm CM Teachers Meeting, EC 8
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 2

- 7:00am Tuesday Book Group, Fellowship Hall
- 11:00am All Staff Meeting, AD 1
- 4:00pm Tuesday After School Tutoring at Emerson
- 5:30pm YM Teachers Meeting, AD 1
- 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:00pm Worship & Music Meeting, Library
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 3

- 12:05pm Lenten Luncheon @ 1st United Methodist Church
- 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:30pm H.I.S. Puppet Practice, EC 3/Fellowship Hall
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:30pm Youth Club, Upper Rooms & Gym

Thursday, April 4

- 6:15pm Scouts Roundtable, Fellowship Hall
- 6:15pm Order of the Arrow, EC 8
- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, April 5

- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, Ed Center Room 6

Saturday, April 6

- 9:00am Fantastic 4-Hrs, Fellowship Hall
- 4:30pm Scouts Recognition Dinner, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 7

- 9:00am Sunday School, Ed. Center, Upper Room
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Youth Ministry Committee Meeting, AD 1
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship, Sanctuary

New book for the Christian Book Discussion Group

The book, “A Glad Obedience, Why and What we Sing” by Walter Brueggemann, is the next book to be reviewed at the Tuesday morning Christian Book Discussion Group. Copies of this book are available at Amazon.com. We meet every Tuesday morning at 7 AM in the Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to join us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:00 a.m. Sunday Education Hour

Childrens' classrooms are in the Education Center and Youth are on the Second Floor.



12:05 PM / Worship
Soup Lunch \$5.00
March 13 to April 10

First UMC
2710 14th Street
Fellowship Hall

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REMINDER!

High School Senior Scholarship Applications are due in the church office by 4:30 PM (or postmarked) on Monday, April 1st! Late applications may be subject to a reduction penalty! If you have any questions, please call the church office (402) 564-2812 and speak with Jim Rains. Thank you!

Please Help!

While we explore various options for recycling, the Church Office needs your help! If you recycle at home and would be willing to take some of the church's paper and/or cardboard to include with your curbside recycling, please stop by the church office. If you are aware of a community resource for cardboard and/or paper recycling, please call the church office (402) 564-2812 and speak with Jim Rains. Thank you!



Walk to Jerusalem

Great job, everybody!

Please keep sending in your steps/ miles/minutes for the Walk to Jerusalem! Spring in near!

- **2000 steps = 1 mile**
- **20 minutes of any kind of exercise = 1 mile**
- **Walk the Church Gym** weekdays 8a.m. to 4:30p.m.
- **Columbus Middle School is open** 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for walking when the weather is cold
- **Report your miles:**
 - > Visit www.federatedcolumbus.org
 - Click on the footprints, an email to the church pops up, enter your miles, and send!
 - > Email fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org