

FEDERATED CHURCH



INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



Thursday, March 30 and Sunday, April 2, 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.), Anita Kaspar, Randy Kaspar, Cliff Jensen, John Petersen, Marilyn Petersen and Clark Smith.

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 in an effort to serve as one congregation.

For **Prayer Chain** requests, call the Church Office (402) 564-2812 to call the

Order of St. Andrew to start the prayer chain. The Prayer Chain is strictly confidential.

If you missed worship last week, visit www.federatedcolumbus.org to see videos of worship and bulletins or Channel 99 (HD) Mondays and 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 TO WORSHIP GOD

The Prelude invites us to begin our time of worship.

PRELUDE

Angelus
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

LISZT

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

E. DILLEY, ADAPTED

One: In Lent, we are called to remember, repent, and renew;

All: God knows our hearts and calls us to worship

One: The prophet asks: Can our soul-weary bones live again?

All: O God, you know.

One: We ask: Can we dance again after mourning, loss, and grief?

All: O God, you know.

One: God's breath pours out as new life for weary souls; let us turn our hearts to God with the sung prayer of confession:

*SUNG PRAYER OF LENTEN CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION †

BEACH SPRING

*We have failed to love our neighbors, their offences to forgive;
Have not listened to their troubles, nor have cared just how they live,
We are jealous, proud, impatient, loving over much our things;
May the yielding of our failings be our Lenten offerings.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

PSALM 27

One: Amen. Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage!

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

* RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 304 (SUN.)

Jesus Loves Me

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

* RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 517

We Come as Guests Invited

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD IN HOLY SCRIPTURE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Joie Taylor, Liturgist (Sun.)

READING OF SCRIPTURE The Gospel according to Matthew 9: 18 - 31 *Pew Bible New Testament page 9*

SERMON "Do you believe that I can do this?" (Matthew 9: 28)

Seventh in an Eight-Week Series: Questions of Jesus

Annika Lister Stroope, Senior Pastor

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

* RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 510

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (verses 1 & 2)

OUR WORSHIP RESPONDS TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Choral Anthem (Sun.)

Come, Break the Bread
Bob Arp, Director

STEWART/LARSON

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor

***Please rise in body or in spirit.** † tune #2138 in blue *Sing the Faith* songbook

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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. All who trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Children are welcome to receive communion at Federated. Parents and guardians may serve children as part of on-going conversations about faith. Songs & prayers may refer to "wine," but only grape juice is served. At the center of bread trays are gluten-free wafers. Please place cups in pew holders.

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

All: Gracious God, you have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us to share Christ's invitation and to be faithful disciples; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 510

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (verses 3 - 5)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen

SPIRITUAL

* DOXOLOGY †

A.L. STROOPE

**O God, we gather at your feast; Your table welcomes yet the least;
So all to you this day we bring, Receive our humble offering. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: In the book of the prophet Micah, scripture asks us this question:

All: What does the Lord require of us?

One: The prophet responds:

All: to love justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God. O Lord, accept these offerings as one step on our humble walk with you. May our offerings extend justice and kindness in your world. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN NO. 514

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

* BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: In the peace of Christ, we are called as disciples and 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.

POSTLUDE

Benedictus

KARG/ELERT

All are welcome to Sunday fellowship after worship, hosted by Social Concerns and Missions Committee.



LENT

Last Wednesday Lenten Worship Service and Lunch at First United Methodist on WEDNESDAY April 5th at 12:05pm
Seong Lee of First United Methodist Church preaching

Worship at Federated Church for Holy Week & Easter

Visiting family and friends are warmly welcome!

Maundy Thursday Service with choir April 6 at 7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Worship Services with Choir

Children's Easter Egg Hunt after each Worship Service



JOYS & CONCERNS

◆ **The Federated Church Prayer Chain welcomes your prayer requests from the new prayer request cards in the pews.** We welcome requests for praise and thanksgiving as well as for prayerful support during challenging times. Please let us know how we can pray for you. Please place Prayer Cards in the designated box at the entrance of the sanctuary, thank you.

◆ **Thank you to everyone** for prayers, cards, and well wishes during my surgery. ~Marilyn Vrana Marilyn will begin treatment April 19 at Columbus Hospital.

◆ Irene (O'Brien) Dare is recovering at home.

◆ Please pray for Cynthia Irby, daughter of Bill & Carolyn, as she faces a cancer diagnosis.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, April 2

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

Monday, April 3

4:00pm Emerson Tutoring, Emerson School
5:15pm Order of St Andrew Meeting, Library
7:00pm Children's Teachers Meeting, EC 8
7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 4

7:00am Christian Book Discussion, Fellowship Hall
5:30pm Youth Teachers Meeting, AD 1
6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room

Wednesday, April 5

12:05pm Lenten Luncheon Series, @ FUMC
3:00pm Wed. Youth After School, FH, Gym
5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:30pm Puppet Ministry, EC 3/8
7:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room, B23, Gym
7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, April 6

6:15pm Boy Scouts Roundtable, Fellowship Hall
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary
7:15pm Order of the Arrow, EC 8

Friday, April 7

9:00am MOPS Meeting, EC, Gym, Fellowship Hall
6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

Saturday, April 8

12:00pm Bridal Shower, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 9 (Palm and Passion Sunday)

9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30am Sunday School, Ed Center, Upper Room
10:45am Adult Bible Education, Sanctuary
11:30am Youth Ministries Advisory Committee, AD 1
3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

Vacation Bible School this year is **June 5-9** at First United Methodist Church. First Methodist, Federated, 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!

UPCOMING AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

TODAY - Sunday, April 2 during Education Hour

Colfax County Attorney Denise Kracl continues our church's conversation on how to identify human trafficking in Nebraska, and what is currently being done to assist victims. Sponsored by Federated's Social Concerns & Missions Committee.

Mission and Outreach

See photos and read updates from the **Columbus Medical Mission in Haiti**, including Federated members Bill Royer, Dr. Nila & John Novotny at www.columbusmedicalmission.blogspot.com

Federated delivers **Meals on Wheels April 17-21** (one week early - trade with St. Luke's). Coordinator is Jean Royer 402-564-8012. THANK YOU February volunteers!

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

Bible Studies & Christian Education

The Monday morning Bible study will be meeting in Jean Royer's home on April 3 at 9:30 a.m. You are invited to join us in viewing and discussing "The Gospel of Judas".

Adult Education Series concludes the Lenten sermon and study series *Questions of Jesus* on Palm Sunday, April 9, in the Sanctuary. No Education Hour on Easter Sunday, April 16th. New series begin Apr. 23!

Tuesday Christian Book Discussion Group has begun a new book: *Jesus: The Life, Teachings, and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary* by Marcus Borg. This is a great time to come give this lively discussion group a try! New attendees welcome for breakfast and great conversation at 7a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who prepared food for last week's Lenten lunch. Soup, sandwiches, salad, bars, and cookies were happily consumed that same evening by Federated's Wednesday night youth!

Caring and Fellowship

The Needlecraft Ministry is again asking for men's or women's t-shirts, sizes large or larger and for colorful, good, used sheets to make hospital gowns. They may be left in the church office. Any questions, ask Louise Moran 402-564-5745.

The next **5th Sunday** Potluck, including "Big Meeting Brunch" of committees, will be April 30th!