

# FEDERATED CHURCH



*Into Our New Century in the Spirit of Christ*



**Thursday, October 3, and Sunday, October 6, 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 week are Rick Porter (Thurs.), Riley Gausman, Clark Grant, Mark Hegi, and Peg Rupprecht.

**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](http://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 2019 - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
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## JOYS & CONCERNS

- ♦ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office staff or pastor.
- ♦ From Homestead Presbytery: "Prayers are requested for the well-being and prosperity of the Clarkson [New Zion] congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship."
- ♦ Please lift up the family of Carol Vollbracht in your prayers. Carol passed away on Oct. 2nd here in Columbus. Funeral service will be held on Oct. 15th.

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, October 6

- 9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center, Upper Room
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 1:00pm WiFi Group Meeting, Library

### Monday, October 7

- 6:30pm Order of St. Andrew Meeting, Library
- 7:00pm Scouts Troop 277 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, October 8

- 7:00am Tues. Morning Book Group, Fellowship Hall
- 11:30am Open Prayer Time, Sanctuary
- 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Wednesday, October 9

- 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:30pm H.I.S. Puppet Rehearsal, EC 3/8
- 6:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room, Gym
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Thursday, October 10

- 5:15pm Cookies N' More Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, October 11

- 8:30am MOPS Meeting, EC/Gym/Fellowship Hall
- 1:30pm M&G Review Sub-Committee Meeting, AD 2
- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

### Saturday, October 12

- 9:00am Living Waters Fall Gathering, Norfolk, NE

### Sunday, October 13

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Reminder — Sunday Education Hour

At 9:00 a.m.

Children go directly to their Education Center rooms  
Youth to the Upstairs Rooms

**Adult Education in Education Center Room 4/5**

**Having received the letter to announce our Stewardship Theme, Let God Lead, you may be asking yourself many different questions.** With individuality comes individual methods for knowing God's leading. We ask you to follow the example of Jesus, who would take time away from the crowds to pray and listen to God. ~ Stewardship Committee

This month, **Governing Council** has approved the use of the facilities for the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance volunteers** this next Spring. The volunteers will be helping with the damages from this previous Spring's flood. The **P.D.A.** has offered, in exchange for the building usage, a number of amenities that will be disclosed in greater detail at a later date.

**GREETERS WANTED!** Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex provided by the Membership & Growth Committee! Thank you!

### **NEEDED: Story Tellers for Children's Sermon**

The Christian Education Committee is asking for volunteers for the Children's Sermons to help Pastor Edward with the church service when he is preaching on Sundays. Please talk with Brenda Sand.

**Meals On Wheels** - Federated will have our week of service October 21 - 25. Coordinator will be Charlotte Lambert (402-564-5834).

**On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month**, a time of prayer that is open to all, is held in our **sanctuary** from **11:30AM -12:30PM**. Whether you are new to prayer or have practiced for years, you are welcome here. If you have questions or prayer requests please contact: Church office – 402-564-2812  
Email - [fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org](mailto:fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org) or Barb Sanderson – 402-910-3586  
Email - [bjs.sanderson@gmail.com](mailto:bjs.sanderson@gmail.com)

**Make your plans to attend  
the 104<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Congregational Fall Meeting  
to be held after worship service  
Sunday, October 27, 2019!**

**Graveside Service for  
Janice Anderson Hayek (4/4/1946—1/25/2019)**  
Service will be held at the Columbus Cemetery,  
Memorial Section, on Oct. 6, 2019 at 2:00pm &  
officiated by Pastor Edward.  
Dorinda Miller (Janice's daughter) invites all  
to this celebration of life.

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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

*Amazing Grace  
God of Our Fathers*

ARR. BABCOCK/VOSS  
ARR. SMITH/HUSTAD

Lee Augustin, Organ and Amanda Weeder, Piano

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

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP - GENEROSITY

Bill Royer, President

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS

One: Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

**All: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?**

One: Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

**All: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?**

One: Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

**All: Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a new song together!**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 420**

*God of Grace and God of Glory (verses 1, 3 & 4)*

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, you have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord.

**MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS & RECONCILIATION**

One: Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.

**All: Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.  
And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows.**

One: Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things,

**All: and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love,**

One: your sins have been forgiven. Go in peace.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM (SUN.)

*We Remember Christ*  
Bob Arp, Director

ARR. STERLING

**\* PASSING THE PEACE**

One: With the hope of those who are forgiven and a commitment to walk in the way of peace,  
Let us pass the peace of Christ to our neighbors.

**All: The peace of Christ be with you.**

One: And also with you. Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

**\* SING THE FAITH SONGBOOK #2164 (SUN.)**

*Sanctuary (sung twice)*

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.)

*All children are invited to come forward for a special message.*

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brenda Sand, Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Second Letter of Paul to Timothy 1 : 1 - 14

PEW BIBLE NEW TESTAMENT PAGES 211

SERMON

*“Faith in Discouraging Times”*

Edward Yang, Pastor

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION**

*(Please Remain Seated)*

**RESPONSIVE HYMN**

*I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table (verses 1 – 4)  
(see attached sheet for music)*

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**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.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saint’s witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Old French Chanson*

UNKNOWN

**\* DOXOLOGY ‡**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, you create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace, now and forever. Amen.

**\* CLOSING HYMN NO. 442**

*The Church’s One Foundation (verses 1 – 4)*

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Allegro Moderato in Bb*

FAULKES

*All are welcome to Sunday fellowship, at Café LaFed, hosted by the Endowment Committee.*

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

*‡ tune on page 592 of hymnal*

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## 770 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble;  
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;  
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;  
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;  
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 here all the world will find a wel-come, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 we're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble; I'm gon - na  
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na  
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na  
 Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the  
 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na

eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.



# In Generosity

*Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was sown.*

—Matthew 13:8, NIV

If you want a good dose of musical frustration, try singing a folk song with your friends around the campfire. It may sound like the same song, but chances are it won't have exactly the same words. Your friends' notes will certainly vary from what was intended.

When you next hear the song, it could well have new verses or an altered melody. It may show up in the most unlikely corners of the world—a potential nightmare for the control of copyright.

Like a folk song entrusted to an audience, a parable is entrusted to the listener. Released into the air like a song, God's living Word is let loose into the world.

Jesus has begun broadcasting seeds for the kingdom! In daily life Jesus sows words and images of God throughout the community. How they grow up in us will vary from person to person and congregation to congregation, creating a rich diversity of lives listening to and responding to God.

Try some indiscriminate sowing of flower seeds. Do you feel free? Wasteful? Will you watch carefully to see what happens to your seeds? Will you water and tend them?

Try some generous sowing of your financial resources or your personal talents. Do you feel liberated? Irresponsible? How will you follow your generosity? Where is God leading you through your giving?

Prayer: Lead me, God, to move beyond fear to generosity. Open my life to the wonder of your creative activity in Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Cookies 'N More** **-A Very Sweet Event**

**It's that time of year again! Please mark your calendars for Federated's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookies 'N More to be held Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

**A committee will be forming soon to host this event. If you are interested in helping with this project, a planning meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 5:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tasks will be divided up so this project runs smoothly.**

**You will be receiving a phone call mid-to late-October asking you to donate**

**It's time! Time to update our pictorial directory!**



Lifetouch will be photographing families  
**at Federated Church on October 22 - 26.**

(Additional dates will be added if necessary)

Our goal is to have 100% participation  
- our directory won't be complete without you!

Each family participating will receive a **free** 8 x 10,  
a **free** printed directory and a **free** electronic directory.

Families will also have the opportunity to purchase  
additional portraits.

Sign up for a photo session online at  
<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b1c3gdk2/>

or sign up in person after worship services in the  
month of September.

Props, pets (within reason) and extended family are  
welcome!

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Sand  
at 402.276.2080 or [brendajsand@gmail.com](mailto:brendajsand@gmail.com).