

# FEDERATED CHURCH



**Mission Statement:**

***We are called to nurture a growing relationship with God by following the example of Jesus Christ.***



***Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020***

***Welcome to Worship at Federated!***

**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 with the Church Office (402) 564-2812 to initiate a Prayer Chain with 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: Spectrum Channel 1304 (HD)  
Mondays 11:55am, Saturdays 11:55am and Sundays 7:55pm.

**In case of an emergency, please contact the church office.**  
Pastor Edward will be on vacation from August 3-16, 2020.

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

## JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.
- ◆ Congratulations to Emily Critser and Bryan Chochon, who exchanged wedding vows Saturday, August 1st at Federated Church.
- ◆ Give thanks for our new COVID19 Coordinators: Bill Royer and Kathy Leischner.
- ◆ Give thanks for the retirement of Rev. Steve Niles, who is finishing his call at Clarkson New Zion Presbyterian Church this month.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Delores Arp, mother of Bob & Wilma Arp, who passed away on July 30th.
- ◆ Pray for Carol Sand, mother of Mike & Brenda Sand, who has begun hospice care.
- ◆ Pray for Calvin Wagner who is recovering from broken ribs and Alison Wagner as she takes care of him.
- ◆ Pray for Chuck Whitney who is recovering after complications with knee replacement surgery.
- ◆ Pray for Mary Sharpe who has been in a lot of pain due to compression fractures.
- ◆ Pray for Sondra Burnett as she continues chemotherapy treatment for ovarian cancer.
- ◆ Pray for Allison Trautwein, daughter-in-law of Bob & Judy Trautwein, who is undergoing a stronger regimen of chemotherapy for breast cancer.
- ◆ Pray for Karel Morris, sister of Marilyn & Ben Vrana, who has restarted chemotherapy.
- ◆ From Homestead Presbytery:

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, August 16

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, August 17

### Tuesday, August 18

1:00pm Lectionary Afternoon Bible Study, EC 8 & Online Zoom Meeting

### Wednesday, August 19

10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2

11:00am Worship Planning Meeting, EC8

4:30pm Lectionary Afternoon Bible Study, Online Zoom Meeting

6:30pm Finance & Property Committee Meeting, Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, August 20

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, August 21

### Saturday, August 22

### Sunday, August 23

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

**Meals on Wheels Information!** Once again Federated volunteers stepped up July 20-24 as delivery began again with some adjustments. Thank you for your dedication and caring service. **HELP!!** We need new volunteers as health, age, and death have taken some of our long time helpers. 1 week every 10 weeks; single days to full week available to cover 7 routes and takes about 1 hr. Talk to one or more of these faithful, among others, for their personal aspect: Behlen's, Vrana's, Fulton's, Donna Augspurger, Barb Olson, or Peg Rupprecht.

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020

Hymns, Songs, Prayers, and liturgies in **Bold** are for the participation of the **Congregation**

## PRELUDE

*We're Marching to Zion*  
*The Lord's Prayer*  
*Toccata in F Major*  
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

ARR. McDONALD  
MAYOTTE  
BUXTEHUDE

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Wherever you have been,

**All: Welcome back.**

One: Whatever you have done,

**All: Welcome home.**

One: Here is a story to change your life.

**All: Here is a song to warm your heart.**

One: Here are friends with whom to laugh and cry.

**All: Here is a Spirit that fills us with hope.**

One: Wherever you have been,

**All: Welcome home.**

## OPENING SONG

### *Join Hands*

*Recorded October 29, 2017*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Our Source of Deliverance, Christ, calls us to faith, while we seek our own security.

**All: He teaches us to trust him, yet we don't take that risk.**

One: He expects total commitment, and we think in terms of percentage.

**All: Time after time we turn our backs on your grace, serving our idols and forsaking our Christ.**

One: We rely on your promise in him to redeem us. We are dependent on him who can intercede for us.

**All: O God, in Christ have mercy upon us.**

## MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON- ROMANS 11 : 29 - 32

One: The gifts and calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you they too may now receive mercy.

**All: For God has imprisoned all disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.**

## PASSING THE PEACE

One: Our peace comes from knowing how much God loves us in Jesus Christ. With God's help, we try to love and forgive one another as Christ loves and forgives us.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Please share a sign of peace with each other.

## SPECIAL MUSIC (SUN.)

How Can I Keep From Singing  
Stuart Gausman

ROBERT LOW'RY

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON (Sun.)

Brenda Sand, CE Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Heidi Klevemann, Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45 : 1 – 15

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Brenda Sand

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Taken from the Hymn "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

One: Make me a channel of Your peace

All: **Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love**

One: Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord

All: **And where there's doubt, true faith in You**

One: Make me a channel of Your peace

All: **Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope**

One: Where there is darkness, only light

All: **And where there's sadness, ever joy**

One: Make me a channel of Your peace

All: **It is pardoning that we are pardoned**

One: In giving to all that we receive

All: **And in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

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

INSTRUMENTAL DOXOLOGY

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL: There are those who would be glad with the crumbs from your table, O God; we have received your gifts in abundance. Make us mindful of those who are needy, as we bring you our tithes and our offerings. Use them to ease the pain of those who are suffering. As we serve others, use us to fulfill your will. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

*Grace Like Rain*

*iWorship DVD*

*Todd Agnew & Chris Collins; John Newton (Public Domain)*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Chorus of Worship*

LORENZ

Special thanks to Tim Rathje for recording the service and Val Rathje for running PowerPoint.