

FEDERATED CHURCH



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



**Thursday, October 22 and
 Heritage Sunday, October 25, 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** 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, Pastor Edwards cell phone is (402) 302-2812.

Governing Council 2020 - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
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Robin Lehr Terry Norris				

JOYS & CONCERNS

- ♦ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.
- ♦ We rejoice for the wedding celebration of Michael Griffith (son of Annette & Robert and brother of Mitchell) and Rachael Nordhues on Oct. 17, 2020 in Shenandoah, Iowa.
- ♦ We rejoice for the wedding celebration of Andrew Behlen (son of Rod & Georgia) and Adriana Smith on Oct. 24, 2020 in Columbus, NE.
- ♦ We rejoice for the birth of Elliott Edwin Oran (son of Jake & Abbie Oran and grandson of Kathy & Kenn Leischner) on Oct. 21, 2020 in Kearney, NE.
- ♦ Pray for the family of Wendell Ita, who passed away Sunday, October 11th. A Memorial service was held Friday, October 16th, at Federated Church.
- ♦ Pray for the family of Carol Sand, who passed away October 18th.
- ♦ Pray for all who are battling cancer.
- ♦ Pray for individuals and families affected by COVID-19.
- ♦ From Homestead Presbytery:

Gresham

Greetings from the booming rural hamlet of Gresham! When we look around our world, all we see is division according to identity. Gender, ethnicity, political, mask-wearer (or not), economic, and generational to name just a few. They all have labels. Yet there is only one identity and one label that matters - to us and to God - and that is child of God. Pray for us and with us as we strive to see each individual through their relationship to God and one another. Pray for us and with us as we seek to end divisions and heal wounds so that all children of God would understand their sisters and brothers. Pray for us and with us as we learn to recognize the only identity, the one few are seeing first. We are children of God.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, October 25

- 9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & Upper Room
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Fall Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary & Online

Monday, October 26 No Events

Tuesday, October 27

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC 8 & Zoom
- 7:00pm Governing Council Meeting, EC 8 & Zoom
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 28

- 10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2
- 2:00pm Worship Planning Meeting, EC 7
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom Meeting
- 6:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room

Thursday, October 29

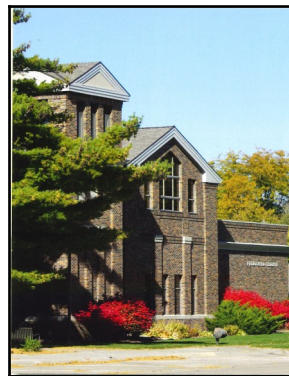
- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, October 30 No Events

Saturday, October 31 No Events

Sunday, November 1 (Daylight Savings Ends)

- 9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & Upper Room
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary



Lifetouch Directories have arrived. People who had pictures taken or submitted a photo can pick up their hardcopy from the church office starting next week. For all church members, please contact the church office if you would like access to the mobile directory.

Drive by celebration for Bill Irby's 90th birthday!

October 31, 2020 1:00 - 3:00pm

RealLife of Columbus

3600 30th St

Columbus, NE 68601

If you are unable to attend, cards may be sent to the same address. Cheers to 90 Years!



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 AND HERITAGE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020

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

PRELUDE

*Sweeter As the Years Go By
O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing
Come, We That Love the Lord
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano*

ARR. R. ATWOOD

ARR. M. SMITH

ARR. YOUNG

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Marcia Grant, Church President

CALL TO WORSHIP

UCC Worship Ways

One: You, O God, know our hearts.

All: Guide our hearts, O God.

One: You, O God, see our ways.

All: Shape our ways, O God.

One: You, O God, call our spirits.

All: Call us now, O God, as we call on you.

OPENING SONG

*The Love of God
iWorship*

MERCYME

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, grace, reconciliation and goodness: We are sorry for so much – for words we cannot bear to say for memories we cannot bear to relive for thoughts we cannot bear to admit. But you know our hearts. Relieve us of our burdens, bind our hearts not to the unbearable but rather, to you so that, in all ways, we may live in the joy of your salvation and the delight of your loving embrace.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Happy are we, holy people, when we walk in the ways of our God.

All: Happy are we, beloved ones, as we receive God's forgiveness.

One: Happy are we, God's own,

All: Because we are made whole, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

One: With forgiveness, we have peace with God and one another. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Please share a sign of peace with one another.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON (Sun.)

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marcia Grant, Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

The Gospel According to Matthew 22 : 34 - 46

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Litany for Heritage Sunday by Pamela Stewart

One: You are living stones, cut from Christ, who is our Rock and Cornerstone.

All: We are members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. Brought together by faith with those who testified before us, we stand on their shoulders.

One: In Christ, the whole building is joined together. Rising upward, you are becoming a holy temple in the Lord, a dwelling place for His Spirit.

All: We recognize that we have not come to God alone. We are here through the work of those who came before us. And we do not persevere alone. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, urging us onward, encouraging us to do the will of the Lord.

One: Remember the work of your ancestors, who faithfully taught you the commandments of God. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. And when they ask, "What do these stones mean?" tell them that they might know the hand of the Lord. For unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.

All: May those who follow in our footsteps be thankful for this legacy, as we thank those who came before us. May they be faithful to preserve it for all who follow them. As they stand upon the stones we set in place, may future generations say, "This our fathers and mothers did for us!"

One: Therefore, work together as one. Build with stones of love and faith; stones of justice and compassion; stones of hope and commitment. Stand firm on the foundation, which is your mutual faith in Christ. Keep your eyes on Him, who is both the Author and Finisher of the faith.

All: For we are confident in this: The One who began this good work will carry it on to completion, until the day of His return. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF HERITAGE MEMBERS (SUN.)

Tim Warren, Church Vice-President

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

With what you see before us, God, we demonstrate our deepest love. Receive our gifts – our very best – as sweet offerings before you. May they be the blessing to others that they have been for us. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

O Sons and Daughters
From Worship Service on April 5, 2015

Hogan

BENEDICTION

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe from "Water Music Suite"

Handel



While the image of a shepherd may have lost its power for the 21st century post-modern world, we can certainly relate to the idea that God's justice will be the standard by which everyone will be judged. When we are the weak sheep bullied by the fat sheep, we know that we can trust in God's love and be empowered to bring an end to injustice.

We must also be attentive to the ways in which we get strong off the oppression of others. We are called to make certain that all have access to what they need to flourish. We are given the responsibility to assure those who feel scattered of the protection of the Divine Shepherd.

Humans should reflect this divine generosity in our interactions with other people and all of creation. Once fed with justice so that it fills our entire being, all of our acts will reflect this way of caring for the least of these and creating a community in which all are treated as valuable.

faithful
hopeful
loving



seek the lost

bring back the
strayed

bind up the injured



HERITAGE SUNDAY OCTOBER 25, 2020

HONORING OUR 50+ YEAR MEMBERS



Roberta Saalfeld	75 YEARS	March 29, 1945
Robert Mead	71 YEARS	April 14, 1949
Roberta Uhlmann	69 YEARS	March 18, 1951
Jane Ellefson	67 YEARS	March 29, 1953
Elizabeth Boettcher	67 YEARS	March 29, 1953
Ron Lambert	67 YEARS	March 29, 1953
Gail Wurdeman	66 YEARS	April 25, 1954
Margaret Trew	65 YEARS	April 17, 1955
Eileen Rosekrans	65 YEARS	December 18, 1955
Mary Norton	64 YEARS	March 25, 1956
John F. Lohr	64 YEARS	March 29, 1956
D'Ete Haldiman-Kluck	62 YEARS	March 30, 1958
LaRene Busler	61 YEARS	March 27, 1959
Joan Specht	61 YEARS	March 27, 1959
Kathy Orr	60 YEARS	April 10, 1960
Wayland Berry	59 YEARS	March 31, 1961
Roger Hare	59 YEARS	March 31, 1961
Catherine Hare	59 YEARS	March 31, 1961



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HONORING OUR 50+ YEAR MEMBERS



Chuck Elliott	59 YEARS	June 25, 1961
Sherry Miller	59 YEARS	October 1, 1961
Donna Engquist	57 YEARS	June 30, 1963
Kathryn Senior	57 YEARS	November 10, 1963
Mary L. Sharpe	56 YEARS	October 4, 1964
Gary Puckett	56 YEARS	October 4, 1964
Chris Dixon	55 YEARS	April 11, 1965
Lauretta Dixon	55 YEARS	April 11, 1965
Deanna Scheidegger	55 YEARS	April 11, 1965
Georgia Behlen	53 YEARS	October 1, 1967
Charlotte Lambert	52 YEARS	January 7, 1968
Gail Mead	52 YEARS	December 1, 1968
Karen Paben	51 YEARS	February 1, 1969
Ervin Paben	51 YEARS	February 1, 1969
Bill Irby	51 YEARS	October 19, 1969
Brenda Berry	50 YEARS	May 17, 1970
Helen Gerber	50 YEARS	May 17, 1970