

FEDERATED CHURCH



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



7th Sunday of Easter
Thursday, May 13, and Sunday, May 16, 2021

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, the pastor's cell phone number is: Edward (402) 302-2812.

Governing Council 2021 - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
Tim Warren, <i>President</i> Wayne McCormick, <i>Vice President</i> Louise Moran, <i>Secretary</i>			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. <i>Acting Head of Staff & Associate Pastor for CYF</i> edward@federatedcolumbus.org	Jim Rains <i>Office Manager</i> j rains@federatedcolumbus.org
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Donna Augspurger	Alison Wagner	Mimi Ernst		
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Terry Millard	Terry Norris	Marv Zoucha	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.

- ◆ Pray for Jeannie Kiser Jensen as she was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's.
- ◆ Pray for Rebecca and Paula Timperley. Rebecca recently had the last of three jaw surgeries and Paula is taking care of her.
- ◆ Congratulations to Marc & Megan Graybill, who welcomed a son, Jude Louis Graybill, born April 29, 2021. Grandparents are Cletus and Shelia Arasmith.
- ◆ Please pray for Karel Morris, sister to Marilyn Vrana, who is on hospice care.
- ◆ Pray for Rosie Heinisch, who received a stem cell transplant and is currently in the middle of 100 days isolation.
- ◆ From Homestead Presbytery: **Wahoo First**
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Wahoo 1st congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, May 16

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

Monday, May 17

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 18

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC 8/Zoom
- 6:30pm Finance & Property Meeting, EC 8
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Year End Celebration, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 19

- 10:00am All Staff Meeting, EC 8
- 11:00am Worship Planning Meeting, EC 7
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom
- 6:30pm Boy Scouts Leaders Meeting, EC 4

Thursday, May 20

- 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

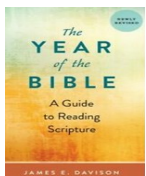
Friday, May 21 No events scheduled

Saturday, May 22 No events scheduled

Sunday, May 23

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

Do You (or someone you know) Have Difficulty Hearing in Our Sanctuary? The Worship Planning Team (Lee Augustin, Bob Arp, Tim Rathje, Brenda Sand and Edward Yang) are looking for ways to address sound issues in our worship space. Please let one of us know what is or is not working for you in terms of hearing our services.



Bible Reading Sharing & Discussion: there will be a monthly meeting to share insights and discuss questions related to each month's Bible reading. All are invited to the hybrid meeting (**in-person and online via Zoom**) which is tentatively scheduled for the **Monday, May 24th from 3:00pm - 4:30pm**. If

you are interested in joining this meeting but the time does not work well for you, please inform Pastor Edward.

"Let your inner decorating talents shine!"

Seeking creative volunteers to serve God by overseeing the seasonal decorating throughout the year of the Sanctuary, Narthex, Fellowship Hall, etc. This could be (2-3) individuals, a husband and wife team or a family unit. If you are interested, please contact Alison Wagner, (402) 276-2585 for more information!

Bible Reading Questions

- What was Jesus' explanation for teaching in parables? (Mark 4)
- Some very special left-handers are mentioned in Judges. What is said about them? (Judges 20)

The following motions were approved by Governing Council on March 23, 2021:

Effective May 24, 2021

- 1) Masks are recommended for all the facility/all functions.
- Effective immediately**
- 2) Sanctuary has open seating with a designated area to accommodate 6ft rule for those who wish.
- 3) Continue with availability of masks and hand sanitizer at entrances.
- 4) Remove roped area in narthex.
- 5) Bulletins available for services/take home when done.
- 6) Committees/groups will set their own guidelines for meetings/gatherings for masks/distance.
- 7) All other restrictions will remain in effect until further notice from Governing Council.
- 8) A congregation hymn may be sung at the end of service.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY, MAY 13 AND SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

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

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision
Processional
Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Lee Augustin, Piano and Organ

IRISH FOLK TUNE
URTEAGA
ARR. SCHRADER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

UCC Worship Ways

One: We come and seek the ways of wisdom.

All: We come as one Body in Christ.

One: We come to find peace and sing songs of love.

All: We come to be refreshed by the Spirit.

One: Come, let us worship.

OPENING SONG

Fanfare and Alleluia

WAGNER

Recorded September 22, 2019; Bells of Joy, Stuart Gausman, Director

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess our doubts that stifle our joy. Forgive us when we lack faith in you, and comfort us when our fears outweigh our praise. God, forgive us when we fail to trust you, and help us when we do not live as your faithful witnesses. Guiding God, forgive us when we are self-consumed and lack the time needed to serve our neighbors. In these times, have mercy on us, O God, and encourage us to be your love-lived, by renewing us daily in your strength.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: O God, hear our prayers of confession and forgiveness,

All: and guide us from disbelief and distress by leading us into your hope-filled joy.

One: God, we need your loving Spirit to be among us,

All: to comfort us in our doubt, and to strengthen us in our faith. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

One: In Jesus Christ, we know God's forgiveness and peace. Let us share that peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.)

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Katie Claus, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1: 15 – 26

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Because He Lives
(Igniter Media)

BILL & GLORIA GAITHER

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT BY THOMAS MERTON (WITH PLURAL PRONOUNS)**

O Lord God,
We have no idea where we are going,
We do not see the road ahead of us,
We cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do we really know ourselves,
And the fact that we think
We are following Your will
Does not mean that we are actually doing so.

But we believe that the desire to please You
Does in fact please You.
And we hope we have that desire
In all that we are doing.

We hope that we will never do anything
Apart from that desire to please You.
And we know that if we do this
You will lead us by the right road,
Though we may know nothing about it.

Therefore we will trust You always
Though we may seem to be lost
And in the shadow of death.
We will not fear,
For You are ever with us,
And You will never leave us
To make our journey alone.
Amen.

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**

Dear God, we offer our generous gifts as a sign of our gratitude for creating us to care for one another. We pray your blessings upon these gifts, and hope they serve as our love for you and the world. Redeeming God, we ask that these gracious offerings be a witness to your healing and faithful love in order to bring hope to a hurting world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!
(Hymn #341/Glory to God #839)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (SUN.)

Fantasia

PACHELBEL

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

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839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Happy 100th Birthday, Elda Juhnke!
Her daughter, Kathy Leischner, is inviting everyone to send your birthday wishes
before her birthday on May 19th!
Brookstone Acres
4715 38th Street, Room 216
Columbus, NE 68601

Sunday Lunch Bunch Resuming!

May 16th will be the first day back for our Sunday Lunch Bunch! Meet in
the Narthex after service (11am). If you would like more information,
contact Nell Burnham: nburnham001@neb.rr.com

Upcoming Events:

May 23rd - Graduation Sunday,
Education Hour Teacher Appreciation,
Last Day of Education Hour & Day of Pentecost
May 31st - Memorial Day - Office Closed
June 7th - 11th - Vacation Bible Camp
June 13th - Special Congregational Meeting



Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible Camp,
at Federated from June 7th to 11th!
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Contact Brenda Sand!



Scheduled Memorial Services for:

- Brian Beckner - Saturday, July 24th
 - Virginia Smith - Saturday, October 2nd
- Please watch for updates!

Special Congregational Meeting Announced!

The Governing Council has approved calling a special congregational meeting on Sunday,
June 13th for the purpose of approving the Federated Church Staffing Plan,
recommended by the Staffing Committee and approved by the Governing Council,
to move forward with a solo pastor and lay person position.

We need the approval of this plan for the Pastor Nominating Committee
to move forward in their search for a solo pastor.

We would like to stress the importance of your attendance at this meeting
so that we can achieve a quorum. Please mark your calendar for June 13th.

Thank you,
Tim Warren
PNC Chairperson