

# FEDERATED CHURCH



**Mission Statement:**

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



**3rd Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Thursday, January 21 and Sunday, January 24, 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.

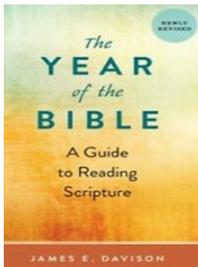
**If you missed worship last week**, visit [www.federatedcolumbus.org](http://www.federatedcolumbus.org) for videos of worship and bulletins, and on TV: Spectrum Channel 1304 (HD) Mondays 11:55am, Saturdays 11:55am and Sundays 7:55pm.

**In case of an emergency, Pastor Edward's cell phone is (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 &amp; Associate Pastor for CYF</i> <a href="mailto:edward@federatedcolumbus.org">edward@federatedcolumbus.org</a>	
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<i>Class of 2021</i> Gene Hahn Marv Zoucha Donna Augspurger	<i>Class of 2022</i> John McClure Renee Norris Alison Wagner	<i>Class of 2023</i> Jesse Abrego Katie Claus Mimi Ernst		
<i>Financial Administrators:</i> Donna Augspurger Terry Millard	Robin Lehr Terry Norris			

## JOYS & CONCERNS

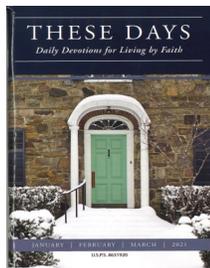
- ◆ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.
- ◆ Pray for Chuck Whitney who had surgery for heart ablation on Wednesday. Surgery went well, but there is concern with a hematoma (collection of blood).
- ◆ Please pray for Rosie Heinisch, who has been diagnosed with ALL (*Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia*) and is currently receiving chemotherapy treatment.
- ◆ Pray for Enrique Abrego (brother of Jesse and Marilyn Abrego) who is in serious condition with brain injury.
- ◆ Pray for all who are battling cancer and other life threatening diseases.
- ◆ Pray for individuals and families affected by COVID-19.
- ◆ From Homestead Presbytery: *Lincoln Westminster* Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Lincoln Westminster 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 year's Book Read begins on February 1st. **The books are now available in the office during office hours!** For those who have not paid, please do so at the time of pick-up.

### These Days Daily Devotionals

These Days Daily Devotionals for January, February, March 2021 have arrived. They are available in the Narthex or in the Church Office.



**The Annual Federated Church  
Congregational Meeting  
is scheduled for  
Sunday, February 28, 2021  
following the Worship Service.  
More information coming soon!**

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, January 24

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

### Monday, January 25

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

### Tuesday, January 26

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC 8/Zoom
- 7:00pm Governing Council Meeting, Zoom Meeting

- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279, Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, January 27

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

### Thursday, January 28

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, January 29 No events

### Saturday, January 30 No events

### Sunday, January 31

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

### Meals on Wheels Feb. 15 - 19

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We now have 8 routes to fill.

We love our volunteers.

Coordinator is Renee Bellum.

402-563-2441 or 402-276-2454.

### The following motions were made and recognized by Governing Council during the October 2020 meeting:

- ◆ The Governing Council recognizes with serious concern the COVID pandemic and will continue to follow the safety precautions that have been established for this church. The Governing Council will continue to monitor and follow recommendations of state and local health professionals as well as our denominations, regarding in person services. We will continue to offer a choice of in person or online participation as long as conditions permit.
- ◆ A motion was made, seconded and adopted to open the east narthex doors on Sunday for parking convenience. Ushers will move rope and have hand sanitizer available. In addition, a bulletin containing activities, announcements and Joys and Concerns will be available as you exit the Sanctuary.

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020

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

PRELUDE

*Since Jesus Came Into My Heart  
Achieved Is the Glorious Work  
They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*  
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

UCC Worship Ways

One: We gather to respond to the call of God's love

**All: Thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us.**

One: May we be compassionate enough to share this divine presence with others.

**All: Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.**

One: Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded.

**All: May our gathering beckon and welcome those near and far to know the love of this divine presence.**

**OPENING SONG**

*What the World Needs Now is Love*  
Recorded October 2, 2016

HAYWARD

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy One, what a blessing and privilege we share here in this sacred space and among this loving community. But, like Jonah, we sometimes are jealous of what we share here. We know that others are longing and thirsting for what we know and experience. Forgive us our reluctance to open our doors, open our hearts to others; some like us, some not. We repent of our hesitations and unwillingness to witness to those we have considered strangers and even enemies for fear they just might become friends.**

**MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The one who calls us to this place calls us to reconciliation through grace.

**All: God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit.**

One: Know that you are forgiven and walk in the new way that is made known to you in God's love.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

One: To Christ's peace, we are called as members of the body of Christ.

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

One: And also with you. 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 (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Mark 1:14 - 20

One: This is the Word of God for the People of God

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### \* **Affirmation of Faith:** "Your Kingdom Come" by John van de Laar

The Kingdom of God is at hand – You proclaimed it, Jesus; But, it often feels like it's a million miles away.

**You demonstrated its grace and showed its power, but the signs often appear faded or absent in our world.**

We need Your Kingdom to come, O God, in all its fullness, in all its glory;

**This waiting, this "now and not yet" experience of Your reign is hard and frustrating.**

And so we pray for Your Kingdom to be revealed in our lives, turning our sickness and sin, our brokenness and fear

**into friendship and compassion, wholeness and joy. May Your Kingdom come to us now.**

We pray for Your Kingdom to be revealed in our neighbourhoods, turning our division and suspicion, our judgement and our competition

**into fellowship and care, compassion and service. May Your Kingdom come to us now.**

We pray for Your Kingdom to be revealed in our world, turning our war and our disparities, our consumption and our self-interest

**into peace and collaboration, stewardship and reverence. May Your Kingdom come to us now.**

Your Kingdom is here, and it is coming, O God.

**Make us faithful heralds of its message and tireless practitioners of its ways. For Jesus' sake. 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

**May these gifts, given to these ministries of grace, be a blessing to friends and strangers, those like us and those not, those deserving and those not, for in this way the love of God reaches all of God's beloved. Amen.**

### CLOSING SONG

*In Christ Alone / The Solid Rock*  
iWorship DVD

GETTY/TOWNEND

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Tuckets and Tabors*

F. BINCKES