

FEDERATED CHURCH



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



Transfiguration of the Lord Thursday, February 11 and Sunday, February 14, 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.

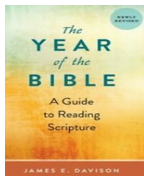
In case of an emergency, Pastor Edward's cell phone is (402) 302-2812.

Governing Council 2021 - 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.

- ♦ Chancel Flowers are given By John and Deb Curry in loving memory of J.R. Curry who has been gone 20 years on February 17th and is always remembered by his family and friends.
- ♦ Please pray for Rosie Heinisch, who received a stem cell transplant on Thursday, February 11th.
- ♦ Please lift prayers up for Christopher and Melanie Wiegert, son and daughter-in-law of Bob and Wilma Arp. Chris' kidney transplant takes place on February 19 at the Mayo Hospital in Rochester, MN and his wife Melanie is the kidney donor. If everything goes according to plan, they should be back on their way back home in three weeks.
- ♦ Pray for Jack & Pat Blocker. Their son, John, passed away in January. Church office has their Arizona mailing address.
- ♦ Pray for the family of Connie Strodthoff, a former Federated Church member in the 1970s, who passed away on February 9th. Condolences can be sent to: Tom Strodthoff, 10395 Lancaster Cove, Woodbury, MN 55129-8952.
- ♦ After 33 years of ordained Ministry and a lifetime in service to Jesus Christ, Rev. James E. Goodenberger is retiring from active ministry. Honor Jim by joining his children in sending him cards and photos remembering his ministry. Please send cards by March 1st to: 113 Zenith Drive, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 51503-0282.
- ♦ Pray for all who are battling cancer and other life threatening diseases.
- ♦ Pray for individuals and families affected by COVID-19.
- ♦ From Homestead Presbytery: **Niobrara/Verdel** would like prayers for our worship. We are still worshipping in our parking lot through our FM transmitter and recording the service to put on our Facebook page. Our congregation is getting a little restless of the current worship situation. Prayers for endurance, patience and grace would go a long way for morale.



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 **4th Monday of each month at 3:00pm - 4:30pm**. If that schedule does not work, please let Pastor Edward know what time works for you.

Bible Reading Questions

- Jacob loses Rachel as she bears which of his twelve sons? (Genesis 35)
- What are the names of Jesus' brothers? (Matthew 13)

Meals on Wheels Feb. 15 - 19 We now have 2 routes to fill. We love our volunteers! Coordinator is Renee Bellum. 402-563-2441 or 402-276-2454

Walk to Jerusalem 2021

Begins Sunday, February 21st, 2021. Call or email your minutes/miles to the church office. For more information, contact Jim or Chrissy.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, February 14

- 9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & other
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Youth Ministry Committee Meeting, EC 8

Monday, February 15

- 4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 16

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC 8/Zoom
- 4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym
- 6:30pm Finance & Property Meeting, EC 8
- 7:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting, EC 7

Wednesday, February 17

- 10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2
- 11:00am Worship Planning Meeting, EC 7
- 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary & Live Streaming on Facebook and YouTube

Thursday, February 18

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, February 19

- 6:00pm Scouts Lock-in, Gym, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, February 20

- 9:00am Fantastic 4-Hers, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 21

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

The Annual Federated Church Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 28, 2021 following the Worship Service.

Ash Wednesday Service (Feb. 17th, 6:30pm) will be live-streaming on Facebook & YouTube. If you plan on attending the service in-person, please let the office staff know ([via phone/email by Feb. 16th, 4:30pm](#)) so that we can prepare an approximate number of supplies, including containers of ashes.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020

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

PRELUDE

My Jesus, I Love Thee
Prelude
The Lord Is My Light
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

ARR. HUGHES
LUND-SKUB
ARR. DECOU

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship 54.1 & Feasting on the Word

One: Come, let us go to the holy mountain

All: and worship Christ with the disciples!

One: We will see Christ transformed before us.

All: We will see our lives transformed before Christ.

One: Come, let us go to the holy mountain

All: and worship the Son of God.

OPENING SONG

Overcome
iWorship DVD

EGAN

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of transformation, you make new life where there was old, dazzling light where there were shadows, peace where there was violence, and friends where there were enemies. Forgive us, O God, when we stand in the way of your transformative love. Forgive us when we do not live as people who have been changed by your grace. Call us to the mountain once more, and send us out to be witnesses of your transformative grace.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Those who trust in God will renew their strength.

All: They will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

One: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, a peace the world cannot give."

Peace of Christ be always 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

Sue McClure, Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Mark 9 : 2 – 9

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: "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory" by Thomas Troeger

Swiftly pass the clouds of glory,
Heaven's voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish;
Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James, and John fall silent,
Turning from the summit's rise
Downward toward the shadowed valley
Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.

Glimpsed and gone the revelation,
They shall gain and keep its truth,
Not by building on the mountain
Any shrine or sacred booth,
But by following the Savior
Through the valley to the cross
And by testing faith's resilience
Through betrayal, pain, and loss.

Lord, transfigure our perception
With the purest light that shines,
And recast our life's intentions
To the shape of Your designs,
Till we seek no other glory
Than what lies past Calvary's hill
And our living and our dying
And our rising by Your will.

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

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us and the fire of faith within us. As we go forth from this place let our lives reflect the One who is the image of your glory: Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Laudate Dominum
Recorded September 10, 2017

MOZART

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (SUN.)

Allegro in F Major

WM. BOYCE