

FEDERATED CHURCH



Mission Statement:

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



First Sunday In Lent

Thursday, February 18 and Sunday, February 21, 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.

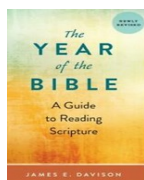
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			<div> <div>Stuart Gausman Bell Choir Director</div> <div>Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia El Buen Pastor Fellowship</div> </div>	

JOYS & CONCERNS

If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.

- ◆ Jake and Kristen Frederick, are the parents of baby boy, Owen Roger Frederick, born Tuesday February 9th. Grandparents are Roland and Doris Augspurger, and Great Grandmother is Donna Augspurger.
- ◆ 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 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: **Norfolk**

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Norfolk congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.



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

- ◆ How did Simon Peter answer the question of who Jesus is? How did Jesus reply to Peter's answer? (Matthew 16)
- ◆ What does God tell Moses to say to the children of Israel when they ask the name of the God who sent him? (Exodus 3)

Volunteers Are Needed!

Volunteers are needed for Rescue Mission Meals in May, July, November and December this year. For more information, contact Jim or Chrissy.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, February 21

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

Monday, February 22

- 3:00pm Bible Reading Group, EC 8/Zoom
- 4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym
- 7:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting, EC 7
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 23

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC 8/Zoom
- 4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym
- 7:00pm Governing Council Meeting, EC 8

Wednesday, February 24

- 10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2
- 11:00am Worship Planning Meeting, EC 7
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom

Thursday, February 25

- 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, February 26

No events scheduled

Saturday, February 27

- 7:00am Youth Ski Trip to Mt. Crescent, Iowa

Sunday, February 28

- 9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & other
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

February 25 & 28, 2021, Stephen Earl, Interim Executive Presbyter, will be preaching.

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

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.

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 18, AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020

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

PRELUDE

A Lenten Meditation - The Inward Heart

ARR. G. MARTIN

Prelude In C Minor

CHOPIN

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

A Sanctified Art & Feasting on the Word

One: God meets us in the night—

**All: Before the sun rises,
Before the wound heals,
Before there are answers,
Before there is closure.**

One: God meets us in the light—

**All: Where joy is effervescent,
Where laughter is contagious,
Where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk,
and where people gather around the table.**

One: God meets us at the threshold—

**All: At the edge of the water,
At the beginning of the wilderness,
At the start of something new,
On the edge of faith.**

One: And if God meets us in all those places, then surely God meets us in between

All: Staying with us through the wilderness.

One: We are not alone. God is all around.

All: Let us worship the God of the here and now.

OPENING SONG

Hope of the World

LARSON

Recorded April 7, 2019

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Again and again, God meets us where we are. God's love knows no bounds,
which is hard for us to understand and easy for us to forget.

Therefore, in confession we remember together that we are not alone.

And in a unified voice, we once again ask for God's grace in that holy reminder.

Family of faith, please pray with me.

God who meets us where we are—There is nowhere we can go that you are not.

**All: You were with Jesus at his baptism. You were with him in the wilderness,
And even in between, you were there
Saying aloud, "This is my beloved."**

One: We know that you are with us too—

In the good, the bad, and everything in between—

But so often we act like we are alone.

**All: Instead of coming to you with our hurt,
We hold it in or cast it onto others.
Instead of coming to you with our joy,
We credit ourselves and offer you nothing.**

One: How can we long for a deeper relationship with you

While living like you are nowhere to be found?

All: Forgive our self-centered ways.

Remind us that in every breath, in every step, you are there.

One: You are the God who meets us where we are.

All: Before and behind, above and below, within and around.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Family of faith, if you hear nothing else today, hear this:

God is here. God sees you. God knows you. God meets you at the edge of every new beginning,
And God calls you beloved.

All: We are washed by the water.

We are called beloved.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

PASSING OF 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

Marilyn Abrego, Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Mark 1 : 9 - 15

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC (SUN.)

In Christ Alone

GETTY/TOWNEND

Performed by Stuart Gausman

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

We believe in a God who is everywhere and right here,

Bigger than the sky and in the smallest details,

All at once and in every moment.

We believe that God meets us where we are—

In heartbreak and high hopes,

Around crowded tables and in quiet homes,

In joy and in suffering,

In loneliness and in connection,

In sanctuaries and in living rooms,

In marches and in waiting rooms.

We believe that nothing we do or leave undone

Can distance us from God's love.

God is forever drawing us close and pulling us in.

Again and again, God meets us where we are

And invites us into wholeness.

Thanks be to God for a love like that. 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

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we are humbled as we try to do what is right and to walk in your ways. Receive, we ask, these offerings, and use them for your own good purposes in the church and in all creation. We pray in Jesus Christ. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Closing Song
iWorship DVD

FRASER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (SUN.)

I Need Thee Every Hour

ARR. DURO