

FEDERATED CHURCH



Mission Statement:

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



Second Sunday In Lent

Thursday, February 25 and Sunday, February 28, 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	
Tim Warren, President Wayne McCormick, Vice President Louise Moran, Secretary			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		
<i>Financial Administrators:</i>			Lee Augustin, Organist	Bob Arp, Chancel Choir Director
Donna Augspurger	Robin Lehr			
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 Jason Stevens, who had a health scare Thursday, February 25. He is the son of Harold and Rogalyn Stevens and sister to Brenda Sand. He was released from the hospital Friday.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Pray for Rosie Heinisch, who received a stem cell transplant on Thursday, February 11th and will be recovering in isolation for about 100 days. Pray for all who are battling cancer and other life threatening diseases.
- ◆ Please lift prayers up for Christopher and Melanie Wiegert, son and daughter-in-law of Bob and Wilma Arp. Chris' kidney transplant took place last week at the Mayo Hospital in Rochester, MN and his wife Melanie is the kidney donor. Thankfully, both Chris and Melanie are recovering well.
- ◆ Pray for individuals and families affected by COVID-19.
- ◆ From Homestead Presbytery: **North Bend**
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the North Bend congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.

THANK YOU!

Federated Church's 2021 Collection

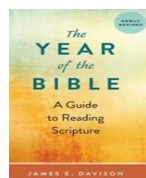
raised:

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Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

February 7, 2021

Alison Reese
Alison Reese
Executive Director
Souper Bowl of Caring
souperbowl.org



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

- What Jewish group did not believe in a resurrection of the dead (Matthew 22)
- God provided for the children of Israel in the wilderness not only by giving them manna. What else did God give them for food? (Exodus 16)

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, February 28

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

Monday, March 1

- 5:15pm OSA Committee Meeting, EC 4
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 2

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC 8/Zoom
- 7:00pm Scouts Pack 279 Den Mtg., Fellowship Hall
- 7:15pm Worship/Music Committee Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday, March 3

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

Thursday, March 4

- 6:15pm Scouts Roundtable, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Order of the Arrow, EC 8

Friday, March 5

No events scheduled

Saturday, March 6

No events scheduled

Sunday, March 7

- 9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & other

- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

- 11:00am FC Foundation Meeting, EC 8

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

Walk to Jerusalem 2021

Started Sunday, February 21st, 2021 and ends Easter Sunday, April 4, 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 25, AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

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

PRELUDE

Faith
O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

MENDELSSOHN
ARR. M. HAYES
ARR. MARTIN

Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

A Sanctified Art & Feasting on the Word

One: Family of faith, I invite you to close your eyes.
Rest your feet on the floor beneath you.
Release any tension you are holding—
In your jaw, your neck, your shoulders, your hands, your legs, your feet.
Take a deep breath in and slowly let it out.
The Hebrew word for breath (ruach) is the same word for Spirit.
So as you breathe, imagine that it is God who is filling up your lungs with energy and love. Trust that God is as close as your very breath.
Now I invite you to still your mind. Imagine your mind as a river.
Thoughts will drift into view; they always do.
However, instead of holding onto those thoughts, allow yourself to let them float by.
And listen. Listen deep. Listen far. Listen wide. Listen.
The sound of your breath is the sound of the Divine. This is a holy space.
Let us worship God.

OPENING SONG

How He Loves
iWorship DVD

JOHN MARACK MCMILLAN

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Edward Yang, Liturgist

Listening God, take what is closed in us and open it. Take what is distracted in us and settle it. Take what is hurting in us and hold it. Take any and all parts of us that create distance from you. For we are like Peter, O God. We argue what we don't know. We fear what we cannot see. And we almost always speak sooner than we listen. So open us, settle us, hold us, and forgive us. We long to hear you more clearly. We long to know you more fully. With hope we pray, and with gratitude we confess.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Siblings in Christ, we confess with gratitude because we know that God already has heard and forgiven us. No matter what we have done or left undone, we are held in God's hand. So rest in this good news:

All: God invites us in. God meets us where we are. God hears our prayers. God forgives us.

One: 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

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Mark 8 : 27 - 38

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"TAKE UP YOUR CROSS?"

Rev. Stephen Earl,
HP Interim Executive Presbyter

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

One: We believe.

Sometimes our belief is confident,
Like a child on a dance floor—
Unashamed and wildly genuine.
We believe.

**All: Sometimes our belief is distant,
Flickering and calling out to us
Like a lighthouse on the sea.
We believe.**

One: Sometimes our belief shows up as passion,
Guiding the way we vote, shop, give, live, trust, and hope.
We believe.

**All: Sometimes our belief is like a shadow—
Faith stitched to our heels, unmoveable, unloseable,
A gift for winding journeys.
We believe.**

One: Sometimes our belief exists like growing pains.
We step forward. We fall back.
But again and again,
Jesus invites us to listen,
To grow, and to take another step.

**All: So again and again,
We speak these truths out loud:
We believe.**

One: We believe.

All: Again and again, we believe.

One: Thanks be to God. Amen.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED IN 2020

*GOD HAS GATHERED A GREAT COMPANY OF THE FAITHFUL TO THIS PLACE. TODAY WE NAME THOSE WHO DIED IN 2020,
WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IS NOW IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT, LIVING FULLY INTO THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION.*

LAURA PORTER, READER (THURS.)

PEG MEYER, READER; STUART GAUSMAN, CHIME (SUN.)

SONG OF GRATITUDE

Goin' Home

DVORAK/FISHER

Bob Arp, soloist; Lee Augustin, piano
Recorded May 29, 2016

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

Almighty God, we thank you for the covenant you established with Abraham and Sarah, which you have opened to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept these offerings with the dedication of our lives, that we may be for the world a sign of your abiding love and a testament to your enduring promise. In Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Come to Save
Recorded March 19, 2017

ARR. LOPEZ

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (SUN.)

Marche Romaine

GOUNOD



The Rev. Stephen G. Earl is the Interim Executive Presbyter for Homestead Presbytery. He has served in ministry in the PCUSA for almost 40 years as: a missionary in Brazil; a pastor in small and large congregations in Washington State, Virginia, and South Carolina; 12 years as the Coordinator for International Volunteers and Mission Personnel for the General Assembly; and six years as the Associate Executive Presbyter for Ministry in the Presbytery of the Peaks (Central & Southwest Virginia). His passions in ministry include mentoring, coaching, and supporting pastors; working with congregations in transition; and cross-cultural service. He is a graduate of the University of Washington, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, and did his doctoral work at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Steve was born and raised in Port Townsend, WA, about two hours from the Pacific Ocean and the northwesternmost point of the contiguous United States. He is a lover of theater, good books, all kinds of music, movies, and the arts. Hiking, cycling, walking, and traveling are some his favorite things to do in his free time.