

FEDERATED CHURCH



Mission Statement:

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



***5th Sunday After Epiphany
Thursday, February 4 and Sunday, February 7, 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.

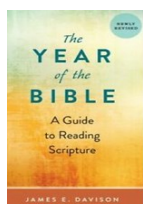
If you missed worship last week, visit www.federatedcolumbus.org for videos of worship and bulletins, and on TV: Spectrum Channel 1304 (HD)
Mondays 11:55am, Saturdays 11:55am and Sundays 7:55pm.

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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Marv Zoucha	Renee Norris	Katie Claus		
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Terry Millard	Terry Norris	Marv Zoucha		

JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.
- ◆ Pray for Jack & Pat Blocker. Their son, John, passed away in January. Church office has their Arizona mailing address.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of LaRene Busler who passed away on Sunday, January 24th at her home. A celebration of life service is tentatively planned for sometime in April.
- ◆ Pray for Chuck Whitney who had surgery for heart ablation.
- ◆ Please pray for Rosie Heinisch, who has been diagnosed with ALL (*Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia*) and is currently receiving chemotherapy treatment.
- ◆ Pray for all who are battling cancer and other life threatening diseases.
- ◆ Pray for individuals and families affected by COVID-19.
- ◆ From Homestead Presbytery: *Nebraska City*
This has been a challenging year for all of us in the Presbytery. Here in Nebraska City we decided that perhaps we should try streaming our Sunday service on Facebook... It truly was a blessing to begin to receive feedback from people all over the world about our church services... Praise God! Let's pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to lead us into our future!



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 is the reaction of Abraham and Sarah to the news that God will give them a son? (Genesis 17 & 18)
- When Abraham was asked to sacrifice Isaac, who carried the wood? (Genesis 22)

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.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, February 7

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

Monday, February 8

- 1:00pm Columbus Women's Club, Fellowship Hall
- 4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym
- 6:30pm Membership & Growth Meeting, EC 4
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 9

- 9:00am Calico Sewing Club, EC 4
- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC 8/Zoom
- 1:15pm PEO, Fellowship Hall
- 4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym
- 6:30pm Christian Education Meeting, EC 8

Wednesday, February 10

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

Thursday, February 11

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, February 12

No events

Saturday, February 13

No events

Sunday, February 14

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

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

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

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 4, AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 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

UCC Worship Ways

One: Good people of the church, lift up your eyes and see.

All: Have you not seen? Have you not heard?
Our God greets us here.

One: Good servants of the Most High, open your ears to hear.

All: Have you not seen? Have you not heard?
Our God meets us here.

One: Good children of the light, open your hearts
and know what it means to delight in God.

All: For we have seen, heard and known from the beginning to the end,
Our God... is.

OPENING SONG

God Put His Hand On My Shoulder
Recorded July 8, 2018

PETERSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: What do we hold and treasure most?

All: Is it the promises of God?

One: What captivates our attention?

All: Is it the grace of God?

One: God of mercy and grace: We are vulnerable people who sometimes ignore the vulnerable.
We are broken people who don't always pay attention to the world's brokenness.

All: Heal us, O God, to make us better healers.
Mend our rifts, that we might be better builders.
Cleanse our hearts, so we can clear out the damage of hurt and oppression.
We are yours, loving God. Help us to live and to know this better.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Have you known? Have you heard? Our God lifts us up on eagle's wings
strengthening us so that we won't be weary. The burden of sin is but a far and
distant memory. For, through Christ, our sins – all of them – are forgiven.

All: God is great in strength, mighty in power, and full of endless love for us all.

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

Nicole Miller, Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Mark 1 : 29 – 39

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—“Prayer of St. Francis”

“Lord, make [us] an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love,

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that [we] may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.” Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

COMMUNION SONG

One Bread, One Body
Recorded on September 3, 2017

FOLEY

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have been fed, Holy One, by your presence.

We have been led, Eternal One, by your light.

May we bask in this glow now and forevermore. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

INSTRUMENTAL DOXOLOGY

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of all that is, all we have, all we are – we give. We give these gifts as we reach across the thresholds of our concerns. We give these gifts, knowing that they will give so much more, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
Virtual Worship

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (SUN.)

Allegro in F Major

WM. BOYCE