

FEDERATED CHURCH



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



Fourth Sunday in Lent
Thursday, March 11 and Sunday, March 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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			Stuart Gausman Bell Choir Director	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia El Buen Pastor Fellowship

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Pray for the family of Elizabeth Boettcher, who passed away on Monday, March 1, 2021. A memorial service was held on Monday, March 8 at the Federated Church.

◆ Pray for Rosie Heinisch, who received a stem cell transplant on Thursday, February 11th and will be recovering in isolation for about 100 days.

◆ Please lift prayers up for Christopher and Melanie Wiegert, son and daughter-in-law of Bob and Wilma Arp. Chris' kidney transplant took place at the Mayo Hospital in Rochester, MN and his wife Melanie was the kidney donor.

◆ Pray for individuals and families affected by COVID-19.

◆ From Homestead Presbytery: **Palmyra**

We praise God for sustaining this family of faith during these especially challenging times, for inspiring us to find new ways to worship and to serve, for turning what appear to be obstacles into opportunities for creativity. We ask for his guidance as we move into the future he has planned for us. We ask that the indwelling Spirit enliven us to love our Triune God and our fellow human beings more and more. We pray these things in the name of the one who was and is and is to come, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, March 14

9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & other

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00am Youth Ministry Meeting, EC 8

11:00am Foundation Seniors/Parents Mtg., FH

Monday, March 15

9:00am Calico Club Sewing, Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 16

6:30pm Finance/Property Meeting, EC 8

7:00pm Cub Scouts 279 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 17

6:45am Columbus Rotary Club, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 18

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, March 19 No events scheduled

Saturday, March 20

9:00am Fantastic 4-Hers, Fellowship Hall

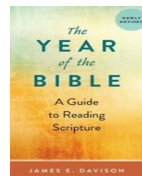
Sunday, March 21

9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & other

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Sunday Lunch Bunch Resuming!

"We will be resuming our Sunday Lunch Bunch for those who are fully vaccinated. Please get in touch with Nell Burnham nburnham001@neb.rr.com to help make the plans."



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

- Who made the ark of the covenant according to the plan that God provided? (Exodus 37)
- Why did Ananias and Sapphira fall down and die? (Acts 5)

THANK YOU!

Federated Church's 2021 Collection

raised:

\$950 and 319 lbs. of food

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

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, MARCH 11, AND SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2020

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

PRELUDE

Communion

GUILMONT

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

ARR. J. SCHRADER

Prelude and Fugue in C Major

BACH

Carol Bennett (Thurs.); Lee Augustin (Sun.), Organ and Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

A Sanctified Art & Feasting on the Word

One: Before we were born,

All: Before we took our first breath,

One: Before the week started,

All: Before the year started,

One: Before we said, "I love you,"

All: Before we said, "I'm sorry,"

One: Before we figured out who we really are,

All: Before we figured out who we want to be,

One: Before it all—

All: God loved us.

One: Unconditionally and freely,

All: Fully and honestly—

One: God loved us.

All: Again and again, this is where our story begins.

One: Let us worship God!

OPENING SONG

Behold the Lamb!

ARR. LARSON

Chancel Choir, Recorded on 3/1/20

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, we forget the beginning of the story—that we were made from love, to be love, to give love. Instead of rooting our narrative in the goodness refrain of creation, we skip ahead and find our worth at the fall, with Cain and Abel, lost in the wilderness. We forget that first there was you, and you are love. We forget that out of that love you created us. We forget that from the very first day, you loved first. We forget, because a love like that doesn't make sense to us. Forgive our low self-esteem. Forgive our resistance to love ourselves. Forgive our hesitation to trust that even we could be made good. And forgive our tendency to pass that doubt on—from generation to generation. Write a new beginning for us that roots our confidence in your unrelenting love. With hope we pray, again and again.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Family of faith, no matter what we do, where we go, or what we tell ourselves—God is love, and God is loving us.

All: Again and again, we are claimed, held, forgiven, and cared for.

In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself—thanks be to God. Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Our peace comes from knowing how much God loves us in Jesus Christ. With God's help, we try to love and forgive one another as Christ loves and forgives us.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

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

Paul Sanderson, Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

LETTER TO THE Ephesians 2 : 1 - 10

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:

(from *A Declaration of Faith*)

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule.

Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race, or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.

It is part of our daily discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness.

We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.

We are charged to pray for ourselves and others with gratitude, boldness, and persistence, confident that God hears and answers our prayers in ways best for us all.

Life in God's presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see. 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

Merciful God, we thank you for your wonderful works among humankind. Accept this offering with the dedication of our lives and help us be for the world an emblem of your steadfast love, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Amazing Grace
Steve Sanders
Playback Media

JOHN NEWTON

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (SUN.)

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

ARR. DeCOU