

FEDERATED CHURCH



Mission Statement:

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



Palm/Passion Sunday ***Thursday, March 25 and Sunday, March 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.

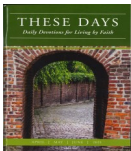
Governing Council 2021 - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
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Donna Augspurger	Robin Lehr			
Terry Millard	Terry Norris	Marv Zoucha	Stuart Gausman <i>Bell Choir Director</i>	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia <i>El Buen Pastor Fellowship</i>

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Please pray for the family of Helen Gerber, who passed away on Monday, March 22, 2021. A funeral service was held at the Federated Church on Thursday, March 25 with Rev. Dr. Edward Yang officiating.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Brian Beckner, who passed away on Saturday, March 20, 2021. Due to Covid memorial services will be held later this summer.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Dean Lopour, father of Lacey Ternus, who passed away on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. Services are currently being planned.
- ◆ Matthew King, grandson of John and Anita Hahn married Kaitlyn Habrock on Saturday, March 13, 2021, in Elkhorn at Bethany Lutheran Church.
- ◆ Pray for Rosie Heinisch, who received a stem cell transplant on Thursday, February 11th and is currently recovering in isolation for about 100 days.
- ◆ Pray for individuals and families affected by COVID-19.
- ◆ From Homestead Presbytery: **Pender**

The United Church of Pender appreciates the prayers and concern that the Presbytery has shown us during the pandemic. Continue to please pray for those we haven't seen for a year and miss but understand their difficulties during this time. We have connected through Facebook and Zoom but still we all miss the personal relationships that are not possible right now. Prayers for Pastor Dan and our sister church, the Evangelical Covenant Church, our members who are in care facilities and their families that have not been able to connect for almost a year now. Prayers that financially we are able to maintain our church and that our members soon will be able to come together as a family.



These Days Daily Devotional Books for April-May-June 2021 are now available in the Narthex or you can pick one up in the church office.

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.

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
tackleshunger.org

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.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, March 28 (Palm/Passion Sunday)

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

Monday, March 29

- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 30

- 10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2
- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC 8/Zoom

Wednesday, March 31

- 6:45am Columbus Rotary Club, Fellowship Hall
- 11:00am Worship Planning Meeting, EC 7
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom

Maundy Thursday, April 1

- 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Order of the Arrow, EC 8

Good Friday, April 2 Church office closes at Noon

Saturday, April 3 No events scheduled

Sunday, April 4 (Resurrection of the Lord/Easter)

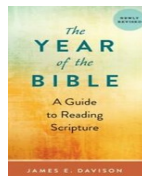
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Easter Monday, April 5 (Church office closed)

- 5:15pm OSA Committee Meeting, EC 4
- 6:30pm PEO Meeting, EC 4
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Bible Reading Questions

- How did the Israelites determine when to move to a new location in the wilderness? (Numbers 9)
- In what city does Paul find an altar dedicated "to an unknown god"? (Acts 17)



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.

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 25, AND PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2020

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

PRELUDE

*The Holy City
Ride On, King Jesus
All Glory, Laud and Honor*
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

ADAMS
SPIRITUAL
ARR. CHILDS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

A Sanctified Art & Feasting on the Word

One: The story of faith is a story of courage.

All: It took courage for John the Baptist to prepare the way.

One: It took courage for Mary to say, "Here I am. Use me."

All: It took courage for the disciples to drop their nets and follow Jesus.

One: It took courage for the paralyzed man's friends to lower him through the roof.

All: It took courage for Peter to walk on water.

One: It took courage for Zacchaeus to give half of his possessions to the poor.

All: It took courage for Jesus to enter Jerusalem on a donkey.

One: Faith has never been easy. It is a journey of courage.

All: Again and again, God, show us the way.

One: Let us worship a brave and courageous God.

OPENING SONG

Lift Your Voices, Wave the Palms
Chancel Choir, Recorded on April 14, 2019

PETHEL

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of palm branches and hallelujahs: We confess—we love a good Palm Sunday celebration. We love the sound of a joyful parade. We love shouting, "hallelujah!" We love that Palm Sunday means Easter is just around the corner. We love good news. However, if we slow down and pay attention, we know that Palm Sunday was not a walk in the park for you. There was risk. There was fear. There was the threat of violence. You were leading a peaceful protest against an unjust empire, and the whole world knew it. Forgive us for glossing over the courage this day took. Remind us that the story of faith is a story of courage, and even we can do hard things. With hope we pray.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Family of faith, even when we gloss over the truth, even when our courage fails us, even when we doubt that we can do hard things, God believes in us. God loves us. God forgives us. Hear and believe this truth:

All: We are known. We are loved. We are forgiven. Again and again and again. 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 MOMENT (SUN.)

O Worship the King Federated Church Children's Bell Choir
Stuart Gausman, Director; Riley Gausman, trumpet

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.)

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Mark 11: 1 - 11

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Edward Yang

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

One: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

All: **Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,**

One: teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

All: **healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

One: Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and giving his life for the sins of the world.

All: **God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

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

Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love made known to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Bless these gifts that they may bring life on earth as in heaven; in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

READING OF SCRIPTURE: THE PASSION OF CHRIST

Gospel According to Mark 15 : 1 - 39

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

CLOSING SONG

From the Inside Out
iWorship DVD

JOEL HOUSTON

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (SUN.)

Hosanna

WACHS