

# FEDERATED CHURCH



## Mission Statement:

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



## **Third Sunday in Lent** **Thursday, March 4 and Sunday, March 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](http://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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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 the family of Elizabeth Boettcher, who passed away on Monday, March 1, 2021. A memorial service will be held on Monday, March 8 at 11:00 AM, at the Federated Church in Columbus with Rev. Dr. Edward Yang officiating.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Sarah Wong, who passed away February 26, 2021. Sarah was the daughter of John and Carolyn Lippert. A private service will be held.
- ◆ 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, February 26.
- ◆ Pray for Rosie Heinisch, who received a stem cell transplant on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 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. They continue to recuperate.
- ◆ 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.

### Bible Reading Questions

- How did Jesus respond when one of his disciples used a sword to cut off an ear of a temple servant? (Matthew 26)
- What does Moses do with the Ten Commandments when he finds the people worshipping idols at the base of Mt. Sinai? (Exodus 32)

# 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 7

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

### Monday, March 8

- 11:00am E. Boettcher Memorial Service, Sanctuary
- 1:00pm Columbus Women's Club, EC 4 & 5
- 6:30pm Membership & Growth Meeting, EC 4
- 7:00pm Fat Quarters Quilt Club Meeting, EC 7
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, March 9

- 10:00am Calico Club Sewing, EC 4
- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC 8/Zoom
- 1:15pm PEO, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Christian Education Committee Meeting, EC 8
- 7:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting,
- 7:00pm Scouts Leadership Mtg., Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, March 10

- 10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2
- 11:00am Worship Planning Meeting, EC 7
- 11:45am Columbus Rotary Club, Fellowship Hall
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom

### Thursday, March 11

- 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, March 12

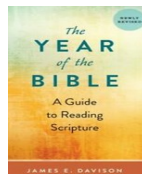
No events scheduled

### Saturday, March 13

No events scheduled

### Sunday, March 14

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



### 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 4, AND SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2020

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

PRELUDE

*Communion*  
*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*  
*Prelude and Fugue in C Major*  
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

GUILMONT  
ARR. J. SCHRADER  
BACH

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

A Sanctified Art & Feasting on the Word

One: Again and again,

**All: We come to this space.**

One: Again and again,

**All: We gather as a community.**

One: Again and again,

**All: We move closer to God.**

One: And again and again,

**All: God is here.**

One: We are met.

**All: We are heard.**

One: We are shown the way.

**All: So again and again, Let us worship holy God.**

## OPENING SONG

*But For Your Grace*  
iWorship DVD

BALOCHE

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Justice, we are guilty of building tables. We have built tables that oppression dines on, sexism thrives on, and racism lives on. We are guilty of forgetting where we are, of turning faith into a negotiation tool and the church into a place for insiders. We are guilty of ignoring the point; For you taught that the temple was for worship and your message was for all. God of our hearts, be in our decision making. Draw near to our choices. Forgive our mistakes. And as you do, flip every table, habit, belief, or point of view that needs adjusting. With hope we pray for a better day.

## MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Family of faith, the good news is that God took on flesh and walked this earth to show us the way.

**All: God took on flesh so that we could see what it looks like to disrupt and overturn systems of corruption.**

One: God took on flesh to teach us another way.

**All: God took on flesh to point us to restoration. God took on flesh so that we might be forgiven.**

One: Friends, we are held, loved, and forgiven by a just and merciful God.

**All: Thanks be to God for a love like that.**

## 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

Marcia Grant, Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20 : 1 - 17

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:

We believe in a God who knows holy rage—

A God who stands with the underdog,

**Who passionately protects the suffering,**

**And who overturns systems of corruption.**

We believe in a God who leads by example—

Feeding the hungry,

**Welcoming the children,**

**Offering water to the Samaritan,**

Eating with the tax collector,

Healing the sick,

**Preaching from the mountaintop,**

**And offering second chances.**

We believe in a God who knew that we would lose our way,

And still said, "This is my body broken for you."

**We believe in a God who knew our capacity for mistakes,**

**And still said, "I'm going to prepare a place for you."**

And because of this love,

We believe that God shows us the way,

**Again and again and again.**

**Thanks be to God. 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

*Celtic Communion*

HAYES

Recorded on February 4, 2018

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

INSTRUMENTAL DOXOLOGY

# UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O Lord our God, we want to follow all your commandments – to love only you, not worshipping the things of this world; to love our neighbors freely, not desiring for ourselves something they possess. Accept these offerings, we pray, and teach us to be generous, giving fully of ourselves that we may truly be the body of Christ in this world. Amen.

## CLOSING SONG

*You Are For Me*  
iWorship DVD

K JOBE

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE (SUN.)

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

ARR. DECOUR