

# FEDERATED CHURCH



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



***Third Sunday of Easter***  
***Thursday, April 15, and Sunday, April 18, 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, the pastor's cell phone number is: Edward (402) 302-2812.**

Governing Council 2021 - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
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## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

♦ Pray for the family of Gail Mead, who passed away November 20, 2020. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, April 21st at 1pm, at Federated Church.

♦ Pray for the family of Laurie Nielson-Singer, who passed away April 5, 2021 in Omaha. She was Roberta Saalfeld's niece.

♦ Pray for Bob Smith who is rehabbing at Brookstone .

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♦ Pray for Rosie Heinisch, who received a stem cell transplant and is currently in the middle of 100 days isolation.

♦ Pray for Nila Novotny as she recovers from back surgery.

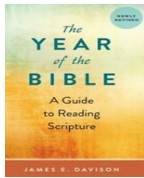
♦ Pray for individuals and families affected by COVID-19.

♦ From Homestead Presbytery: **Steele City**

As a small congregation, we have been able to continue worship with minimal health risks since reopening our doors in July. We continue to enjoy our partnership with Mission Creek and Wymore, though joint services and activities have been fewer this last year. We also look forward as a congregation to reestablishing and opening new opportunities of outreach in our small community. Pray that we rise to the task of loving our neighbors and offering the hand of Christ.

### Scheduled Memorial Services for:

- Brian Beckner - Saturday, July 24th
  - Virginia Smith - Saturday, October 2nd
- Please watch for updates in the bulletins, newsletters, emails and website!



### 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.

Federated's turn for Meals on Wheels will be Apr. 26-30. Coordinator will be Charlotte Lambert (402-564-5834).

### 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.

### ***"Let your inner decorating talents shine!"***

Seeking creative volunteers to serve God by overseeing the seasonal decorating throughout the year of the Sanctuary, Narthex, Fellowship Hall, etc. This could be (2-3) individuals, a husband and wife team or a family unit. If you are interested, please contact Alison Wagner, (402) 276-2585 for more information!

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### **Sunday, April 18**

9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & other

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

### **Monday, April 19**

9:00am Fat Quarters Quilt Club Meeting, EC 7

7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, April 20**

10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2

11:00am Worship Planning Meeting, EC 7

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC 8/Zoom

6:30pm Finance & Property Meeting, EC 8

7:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting, EC 7

7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279, Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, April 21**

7:00am Columbus Rotary Club, Fellowship Hall

1:00pm Gail Mead Memorial Service, Sanctuary

4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom

7:30pm Circle 4 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

### **Thursday, April 22**

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

- Operation Education Nairobi (Julie Graham & Katie Claus) leading worship

**Friday, April 23** No events scheduled

**Saturday, April 24** No events scheduled

### **Sunday, April 25**

8:00am Youth Trip to Lincoln - Worship service & activities

9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & other

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

- Operation Education Nairobi (Julie Graham & Katie Claus) leading worship

### Bible Reading Questions

- What situation is Paul in when the book of Acts ends? (Acts 28)
- Paul writes that Abraham is the ancestor of people who are linked to him not primarily by circumcision, but by what? (Romans 4)

### The following motions were approved by Governing Council on March 23, 2021:

#### Effective May 24, 2021

1) Masks are recommended for all the facility/all functions.

#### Effective immediately

- 2) Sanctuary has open seating with a designated area to accommodate 6ft rule for those who wish.
- 3) Continue with availability of masks and hand sanitizer at entrances.
- 4) Remove roped area in narthex.
- 5) Bulletins available for services/take home when done.
- 6) Committees/groups will set their own guidelines for meetings/gatherings for masks/distance.
- 7) All other restrictions will remain in effect until further notice from Governing Council.
- 8) A congregation hymn may be sung at the end of service.

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, AND SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

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

## PRELUDE

*Ye Servants of God  
I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked  
I Will Sing the Wondrous Story of Christ Who Died for Me*  
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

ARR. OSMAN  
ARR. DECOU  
ARR. HELD

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP 54.1 / FOTW / TIMOTHY SLEMMONS

One: We worship in the Easter light,

**All: for the shadow of death is no match for God's love.**

One: Let us join our voices with the disciple Thomas:

**All: "My Lord and my God!"**

One: Easter people, Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

## OPENING SONG

*Because He Lives*  
(IgniterMedia)

BILL & GLORIA GAITHER

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Christ, you rose from the depths of suffering, from death itself, to breathe peace upon your disciples. Still, O Lord, we cannot trust your promise of peace. Still, O Lord, we do not follow in the way of your love. Forgive us when we fail to be people of resurrection. Forgive us when we fail to recognize your grace. Show us your hands and your feet once more, and teach us to be your body in the world.

## MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We have an advocate with God,

**All: Jesus Christ, the righteous one, who offered his life in love to save the world from sin.**

One: This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: In Jesus Christ, we know God's forgiveness and peace. Let us share that peace with one another.  
The peace of Christ be 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

(Sunday)

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Alison Wagner, Liturgist (Sunday)

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 JOHN 3: 1 - 7

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

## BELLS OF JOY

*Glory to God in the Highest*  
Recorded February 12, 2017

ARR. LORENZ

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Affirmation of Faith: from "Belonging to God: A First Catechism"** (Approved by the 210th General Assembly (1998) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.))

(Q 1.) *Who are you?*

**I am a child of God.**

(Q 2.) *What does it mean to be a child of God?*

**That I belong to God, who loves me.**

(Q 3.) *What makes you a child of God?*

**Grace -- God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.**

(Q 4.) *Don't you have to be good for God to love you?*

**No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.**

(Q 5.) *How do you thank God for this gift of love?*

**I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.**

(Q 6.) *How do you love God?*

**By worshipping God, by loving others, and by respecting what God has created.**

(Q 11.) *What is sin?*

**Sin is closing our hearts to God and disobeying God's law.**

(Q 12.) *What are the results of sin?*

**Our relationship with God is broken. All our relations with others are confused.**

(Q 32.) *What is the gospel?*

**The gospel is the good news about Jesus. It promises us the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life because of him. Forgiveness and eternal life with God are what we mean by salvation.**

(Q 36.) *What comfort does the good news give you?*

**That I belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for my sake, so that nothing will ever separate me from God's love.**

(Q 37.) *How do we know this good news?*

**Through reading the Bible and hearing it taught and preached. The Holy Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible, and helps us rely on its promises today.**

**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

**The greatest blessing we have, O God, is to be called your children. What can we offer you to compare with such a gift? Receive these tokens as acts of faith and love, and in our giving, make us more like you. Amen.**

### \* CLOSING HYMN (CONGREGATIONAL SINGING)

**Glory to God #307: God of Grace and God of Glory**

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE (SUN.)

**Toccata**

**LARDELLI**

# 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.