

FEDERATED CHURCH



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



Fourth Sunday of Easter
Thursday, April 22, and Sunday, April 25, 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, 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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| Tim Warren, <i>President</i> Wayne McCormick, <i>Vice President</i> Louise Moran, <i>Secretary</i> | | | Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. <i>Acting Head of Staff & Associate Pastor for CYF</i> edward@federatedcolumbus.org | Jim Rains <i>Office Manager</i> jrains@federatedcolumbus.org |
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| <i>Financial Administrators:</i> | Donna Augspurger | Robin Lehr | Lee Augustin, <i>Organist</i> | Bob Arp, <i>Chancel Choir Director</i> |
| Terry Millard | Terry Norris | Marv Zoucha | Stuart Gausman <i>Bell Choir Director</i> | Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia <i>El Buen Pastor Fellowship</i> |

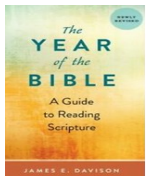
JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for the family of Christopher Höer, Christine Warren's father, who died Saturday, April 17, 2021. He was Tim Warren's father-in-law and grandfather to Zach Nickolite and Nick Warren. The funeral service was Friday, April 23, 2021.
- ◆ Pray for Bob Smith, who is rehabbing at Brookstone.
- ◆ Pray for Donna Shreve, who is rehabbing at Brookstone.
- ◆ Pray for Rosie Heinisch, who received a stem cell transplant and is currently in the middle of 100 days isolation.
- ◆ Pray for John Novotny who is in Togo, Africa from April 18-27. He is working with Global Partners in Hope to open a medical clinic, develop the Salama stove project, train natives to farm with recently donated equipment and look for deep water wells.
- ◆ From Homestead Presbytery: **Tekamah**
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Tekamah congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.

Bible Reading Questions

- While "the wages of sin" is death, according to Paul, what does God offer freely because of Christ? (Romans 6)
- Why does Moses climb to the top of Mount Nebo? (Deuteronomy 34)



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 25

- 9:00am Youth Trip to Lincoln - Worship service & activities
- 9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & other
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, April 26

- 3:00pm Bible Reading, Sharing & Discussion, EC 8
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 27

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC 8/Zoom
- 6:30pm Governing Council Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 28

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

Thursday, April 29, Confirmation Thursday

- 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, April 30 No events scheduled

Saturday, May 1 No events scheduled

Sunday, May 2, Confirmation Sunday

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

CHURCH GARAGE SALE

Sale slated for **Saturday, July 31st** with room preparations beginning Tuesday, July 27th. Contributions may be brought to the church beginning the first week of May. Items should be taken to **room EC 5** of the Education Center. Do not involve the church staff in your delivery. Sealed boxes should be labeled: "House wares", "Holiday", "Clothing", "Books", "Crafts", etc. An organizational meeting is scheduled on **Tuesday, May 4th at 1pm in Fellowship Hall**. Those church members interested in a leadership role in the sale are encouraged to attend. Contact Robert Trautwein 402 910 4341.

Scheduled Memorial Services for:

- Brian Beckner - Saturday, July 24th
 - Virginia Smith - Saturday, October 2nd
- Please watch for updates!

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 22, AND SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021

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

PRELUDE

*Praise God, Ye Christians
The Lord's My Shepherd
Medley of Spirituals
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano*

BACH/BUXTEHUDE
ARR. WOOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Tim Warren, Church President

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters,

All: and gives us refreshment of soul.

One: We are never away from the love and mercy of the Lord,

All: and we shall be with him for ever and ever. Amen!

OPENING SONG

*The Great Cloud
Chancel Choir, Recorded on March 8, 2020*

MARTIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: We read the newspapers or the internet or watch the news and wonder how such evil can exist in the world.

All: We wonder, "Where are you, O God?" We turn our backs on the needs of the poor or give only a passing acknowledgment of their plight.

One: And we cry, "Why isn't God taking care of all this?"

All: Forgive us, patient Lord. Forgive our arrogance, our ignorance, our pettiness. Forgive us when we could have done something to help someone else but chose instead to turn away.

One: There is wisdom in our questions, but God is steadfast. Help us to remember that God has called us to be witnesses and workers in this world.

All: You are with us, Lord.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: You are God's people. Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, laid down his life for you and offers you hope and peace.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As children of God, we are no longer strangers, but friends. 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 (SUN.)

Julie Graham

SPECIAL MUSIC

Use Me

SAMUKAT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Doug Williams, Liturgist (SUN.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

ACTS 4: 5 - 12; PSALM 23; 1 JOHN 3: 16 - 24

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

All: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**PRAYERS 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**INSTRUMENTAL DOXOLOGY***** UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Almighty God, bless these gifts and all the ways in which we give. May our gifts of time, talent and treasure bring comfort and peace to those who walk through dark valleys. In Jesus's name we pray, Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN (CONGREGATIONAL SINGING)**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

Hopak

MOUSSORGSKY

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Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray. *Fine*

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's
2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so
bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
track. It runs to heav - en and then right back. *to Refrain*

Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

MAY 2021

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| 1 | Deuteronomy 33 <input type="checkbox"/> | | Deuteronomy 34 <input type="checkbox"/> | | Romans 9 <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
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