

# FEDERATED CHURCH



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



**Confirmation Sunday**  
**Thursday, April 29, and Sunday, May 2, 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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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 Karel Morris, sister to Marilyn Vrana, who is going on hospice care.

◆ 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.

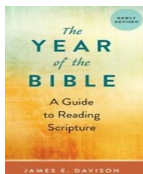
◆ Pray for Rosie Heinisch, who received a stem cell transplant and is currently in the middle of 100 days isolation.

◆ From Homestead Presbytery: **Thurston John Huss**  
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Thurston John Huss congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.

**Do You (or someone you know) Have Difficulty Hearing in Our Sanctuary?** The Worship Planning Team (Lee Augustin, Bob Arp, Tim Rathje, Brenda Sand and Edward Yang) are looking for ways to address sound issues in our worship space. Please let one of us know what is or is not working for you in terms of hearing our services.

### CHURCH GARAGE SALE

Sale slated for **Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>** with room preparations beginning Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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.

### 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, May 2, Confirmation Sunday**

9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & other

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

### **Monday, May 3**

5:15pm Order of St. Andrew Meeting, EC 4

6:30pm PNC Committee Meeting, EC 4

7:00pm PEO, EC 4

7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, May 4**

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

1:00pm Garage Sale Planning Meeting, EC 4

7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

7:15pm Worship & Music Meeting, Zoom Mtg.

### **Wednesday, May 5**

7:00am Columbus Rotary Club, Fellowship Hall

10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2

11:00am Worship Planning Meeting, EC 7

4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom

### **Thursday, May 6**

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

7:30pm Order of the Arrow, EC 8

**Friday, May 7** No events scheduled

**Saturday, May 8** No events scheduled

### **Sunday, May 9, Mother's Day**

9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & other

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00am Youth Mother's Day Flower Sale

### **Bible Reading Questions**

- What sign does Rahab use to indicate her house so that it will be spared when Israel takes Jericho? (Joshua 2)
- What instructions were given to Christians in Rome with regard to governing authorities? (Romans 13)

### **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 29 AND SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

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

## PRELUDE

*Jesus Loves Me*  
*Little Prelude in G Minor*  
*Morning Tribute*  
Lee Augustin, Piano and Organ

ARR. HUSTAD  
P. TAYLOR  
ARR. LEATHERMAN

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

UCC WORSHIP WAYS & PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY

One: As we gather, may we open our hearts to receive newness of life.

**All: We come with hope for renewal.**

One: In our time of worship, may we be inspired by God's wisdom.

**All: We come seeking to learn and to draw closer to God.**

One: Come, let us worship, as the beloved children of God.

## OPENING SONG

***Manifesto***  
iWorship DVD

POWELL/DUMMER/FUSILIER/VANDERLAAN

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, giver of life, we confess the times when we fail to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. God, forgive us when we ignore or we fail to see our neighbors in need. Abiding God, also forgive us when we reject love from others, and shut down completely. As we confess the times when we did not tend to our own needs, and denied ourselves of your forgiveness and grace. In our failures, we have refused your invitation to grow closer to you.

## MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: "God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ,"

**All: through whom our sins are forgiven.**

One: May he help us to continue

**All: to "preach peace to those who are near and far." Amen.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: With forgiveness, we have peace with God and one another.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Please share a sign of peace with one another.

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.)

Brenda Sand, CE Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elizabeth Miller and Caleb Hast, Liturgists

SCRIPTURE READING

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 15: 1 - 8

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: "ABIDE WITH ME" BY HENRY FRANCIS LATE

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide!  
**When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**  
Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
**Change and decay in all around I see. O Thou who changest not, abide with me.**  
I need Thy presence every passing hour; What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
**Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**  
I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless: Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
**Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.**  
Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:  
**Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**  
Amen.

### SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Tim Warren, Church President

Presentation of Confirmands & Mentors  
Questions to Confirmands & Congregation  
Called, Confirmed & Commissioned Liturgy  
Sharing by Confirmands & Mentors  
Laying on of Hands for Confirmation and Prayer of Gratitude  
Welcome by the Congregation

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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

*This One Table*

PARKER/RANEY

Chancel Choir - Recorded October 1, 2017

#### UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### INSTRUMENTAL DOXOLOGY

#### \* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we offer you the fruits of our time, talents and resources in celebration of all that we have been given. Loving God, we give you thanks for all that we have and ask a special blessing on the fruits we have given back to help meet the needs of your beloved community. May the gifts nourish and strengthen the community to grow spiritually, emotionally, and physically. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

#### \* CLOSING HYMN

*I, The Lord of Sea and Sky*

SCHUTTE

#### BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE (SUN.)

*March Jubilant*

G. F. BROADHEAD

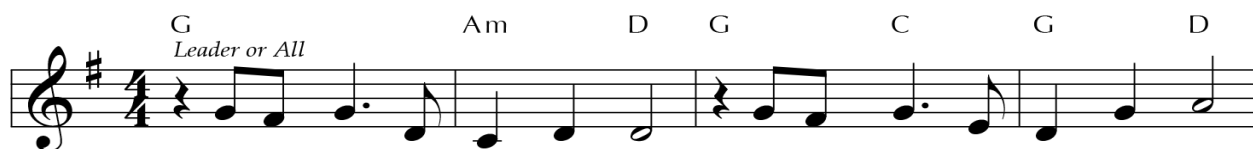
*\*As you are able, please rise in body or in spirit.*

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## 69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

# *Celebrating Our Confirmands*

Excerpts from their 2021 Statements of Faith

I do believe there is a God. Currently my faith journey is just getting started and I am going to work on praying more, reading the Bible more, and attending church more.

I want to be confirmed so I can become a full member of the church and move forward in my faith journey. I feel that it will help me understand more about God and get closer to him.

Caleb Hast

I believe that the Church is a community of God's people who share the same common goal, to love and serve our God, and help each other throughout our journey. The Church is a united community, loved by one Father, guided by the Holy Spirit, and saved by Jesus Christ. We are reformed and always reforming, to better fit what God wants us to do.

Elizabeth Miller

I believe that people sin because they think that it is the easier way out. No matter how "easy" it is to just forget about Christ, Christ will never forget you. Christ always will forgive you if you try, try changing your ways, try changing what you believe by going to church, by believing in Him. If you were to put in the time and effort into believing in Christ and the Bible, you will be rewarded. If you choose to forget about Christ and completely shut him out of your life you would be giving into sin. Then you would be sinning. If you sin you will be forgiven by God because He still has hope in you.

Taytum Miller

