

FEDERATED CHURCH



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



Thursday, June 3, and Sunday, June 6, 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	
Tim Warren, President Wayne McCormick, Vice President Louise Moran, Secretary			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. <i>Acting Head of Staff & Associate Pastor for CYF</i> edward@federatedcolumbus.org	Brenda Sand <i>Temp. Christian Education Director</i> brenda@federatedcolumbus.org
<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	Lee Augustin, Organist	Bob Arp, Chancel Choir Director
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Marv Zoucha	Renee Norris	Katie Claus		
Donna Augspurger	Alison Wagner	Mimi Ernst	Stuart Gausman Bell Choir Director	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia El Buen Pastor Fellowship
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JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Congratulations to Pete & Carol Bennett who will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary June 4th!
- ◆ Congratulations to Rex Hash who will be the Director of Outreach Center and Ministry at the Columbus First United Methodist Church. Blessings for Rex and Kathy on their new ministry adventure.
- ◆ Please pray for Laura Porter, who is recovering from surgery on Wednesday, May 26th.
- ◆ Congratulations to Skylar Dreesen & Caleb Kistner, who exchanged wedding vows Saturday, June 5th at Federated Church.

Upcoming Events:

June 7th - 11th - Vacation Bible Camp

June 13th - Special Congregational Meeting (see pg. 6)

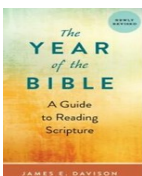
June 23rd - Scholarship Renewal Applications
Deadline

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.

Thank you! - Steve and I would like to thank you for your cards and notes of support while I've been in my 100 days isolation for leukemia treatment. They indeed brought cheer and I have saved every one. We also appreciate the meals and calls to bolster our spirits.

At my last bone marrow test there were no signs of the leukemia cancer blasts so the treatment has been successful. We are fortunate to have such a caring church community support us.

Rosie and Steve Heinisch



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 the month from 3:00pm - 4:30pm**. If you are interested in joining this meeting but the time does not work well for you, please inform Pastor Edward.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, June 6

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

1:00pm VBC Decorating, ECs, Sanctuary, Narthex..

Monday, June 7

8:00pm VBC, all rooms

4:00pm Staff Meeting, AD2

7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 8

8:00pm VBC, all rooms

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8

6:30pm Christian Education Meeting, EC 8

7:00pm Cub Scouts 279 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 9

8:00pm VBC, all rooms

11:00am Worship Planning Meeting, EC7

4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, online

Thursday, June 10

8:00pm VBC, all rooms

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, June 11

8:00pm VBC, all rooms

Saturday, June 12

No events scheduled

Sunday, June 13

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00am Special Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

Mark your calendars for
Vacation Bible Camp,
at Federated from **June 7th to 11th!**
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Contact Brenda Sand!



Bible Reading Questions

- Who is sent by God to confront David about his sin with Bathsheba? (2 Samuel 12)
- What does Paul say about lawsuits begun by Christians against other Christians? (1 Corinthians 6)

CHURCH GARAGE SALE

Sale slated for **Saturday, July 31st** with room preparations beginning Tuesday, July 27th. Contributions may be brought to the church. 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.

Scheduled Memorial Services for:

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY, MAY 27 AND SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021

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

PRELUDE

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
The Lord's Prayer
God Is Here!
Lee Augustin, Piano and Organ

ARR. SCHRADER
TRANS. DEIS
ARR. HOBBY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

TIM WARREN, CHURCH PRESIDENT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 138; *The Message*

One: Come, let us worship our God with joy and thanksgiving: Everything in us says:

All: Thank you!

One: At worship in this sacred place we say it again:

All: Thank you!

One: For your love, for your faithfulness;

All: Thank you!

One: When earth's rulers hear what you have to say, O GOD, They'll sing of what you've done:

All: How great the glory of GOD!

One: Finish what you started in us, GOD. Your love is eternal—stay with us, now, that we may say:

All: Thank you!

OPENING SONG

People Get Ready

ARR. SHAW

Recorded November 27, 2016; Bob Arp, Director

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy One, in our gathering together bring us closer to you and to one another. Not only to those who are here with us, but also with those who are beyond these walls, outside these borders, and across your oceans. Make us one, O God, with all your children everywhere so together we may be blessings and blessed. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

From 1 Samuel 8: 4-11

Leadership and governance is on everyone's mind these days. Competing visions of the common good strive for our attention. Like the people of Israel in today's text, we may be tempted to seek rulers whose ways are not the ways of God.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

LITANY OF CONFESSION

One: When we forget that God's ways lead all to the blessings of justice and mercy:

All: Lord have mercy.

One: When we forget that God's ways lead all, especially the most vulnerable, to blessings of safety, health, meaningful work:

All: Christ have mercy.

One: When we forget that God's ways lead all to the blessings of the shared abundance of God's beloved creation:

All: Lord have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from Mark 3: 34-35

Jesus reminds us: "Who is my mother, and who are my sisters and brothers? All those who do the will of God are my brother and sister and mother." In Christ we are forgiven all our failed efforts at community, and invited afresh to rejoin the family of God, seeking blessing for all.

PASSING 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 (SUN.)

BRENDA SAND, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ALISON WAGNER, LITURGIST

SCRIPTURE READING

ACTS 26: SELECTED VERSES

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

A Place in the Family

Rev. Kenn Leischner

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

Come to the Table

WALKER

Recorded May 1, 2016; Bob Arp, Director

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

From 2 Corinthians 4: 13-15

St. Paul writes of confidence in the power of God revealed in the resurrection of Jesus that must underlie a life of faithfulness and generosity: "I believed, and so I spoke". Today, let us believe, and give with generosity that God's goodness may be known in the world.

INSTRUMENTAL DOXOLOGY

*** UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, take our gifts this day and use them so that we may be part of your great work in this world. Through our giving, bring justice and love closer to all, not just in our community but in the world beyond these walls. Strengthen our church and the whole world so that we grow together each day into a powerful voice for healing and peace. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN #239**

How Happy Is Each Child of God

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (SUN.)

O How Blessed Are Ye

ARR. BRAHMS

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

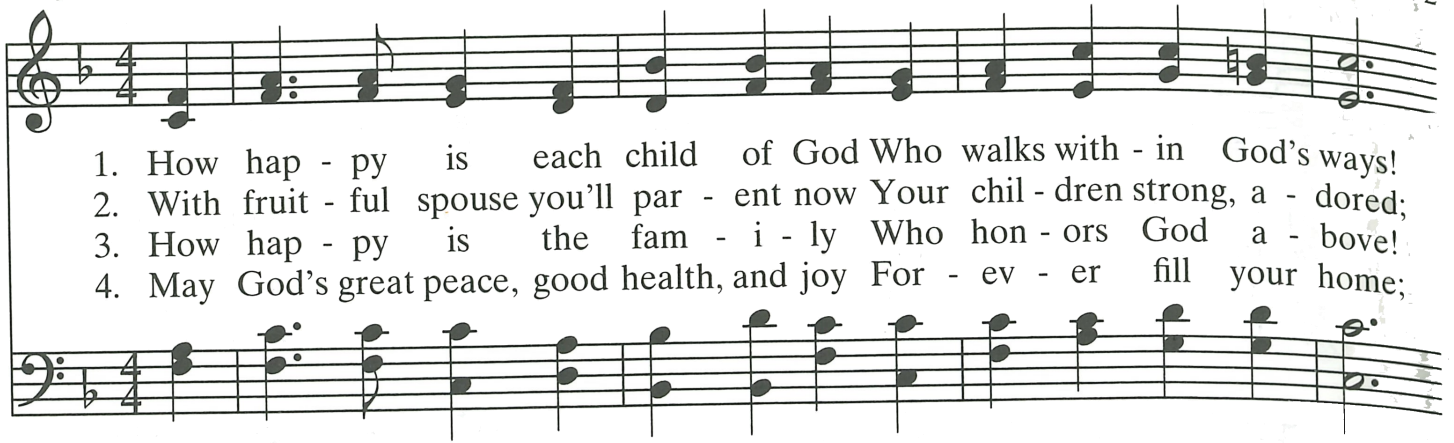
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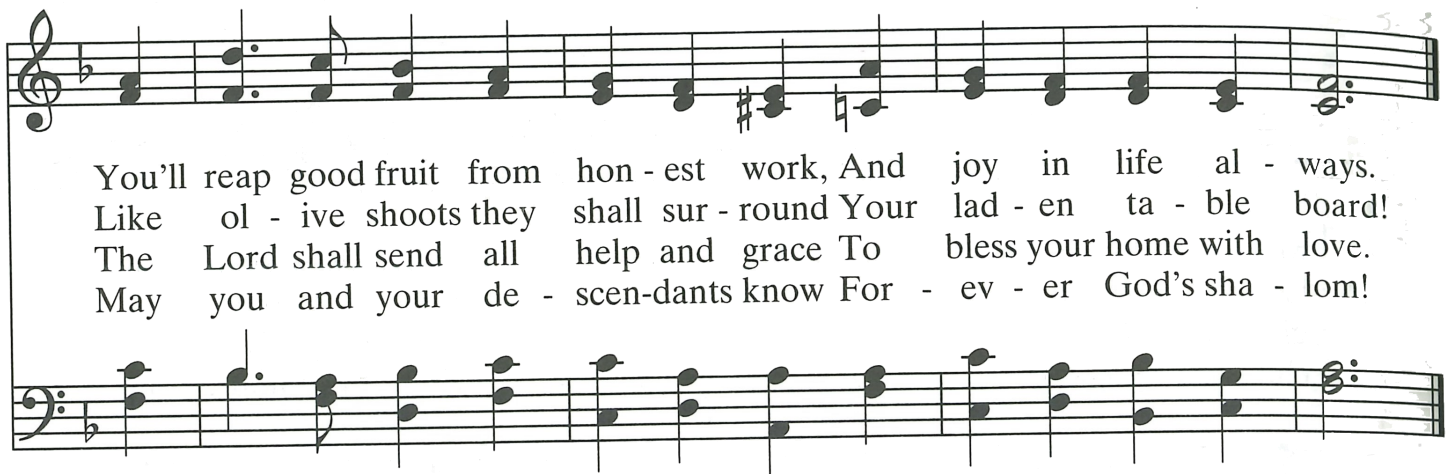
How Happy Is Each Child of God

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Dwyn M. Mounger, 1986

Este's *Psalmes*, 1592


1. How hap - py is each child of God Who walks with - in God's ways!
 2. With fruit - ful spouse you'll par - ent now Your chil - dren strong, a - dored;
 3. How hap - py is the fam - i - ly Who hon - ors God a - bove!
 4. May God's great peace, good health, and joy For - ev - er fill your home;



You'll reap good fruit from hon - est work, And joy in life al - ways.
 Like ol - ive shoots they shall sur - round Your lad - en ta - ble board!
 The Lord shall send all help and grace To bless your home with love.
 May you and your de - scen-dants know For - ev - er God's sha - lom!

This tune with descant, 58

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Special Congregational Meeting!

The Governing Council has approved calling a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, **June 13th** for the purpose of approving the Federated Church Staffing Plan, recommended by the Staffing Committee and approved by the Governing Council, to move forward with a solo pastor and lay person position.

We need the approval of this plan for the Pastor Nominating Committee to move forward in their search for a solo pastor.

We would like to stress the importance of your attendance at this meeting so that we can achieve a quorum. Please mark your calendar for **June 13th**.

Thank you,
 Tim Warren
 PNC Chairperson

If you would like an absentee ballot, please contact the church office to assist you!