



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, March 17th & Sunday, March 20th, 2022

3rd Sunday in Lent

Mission Statement:

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

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, pastor's cell phone number is: Edward (402) 302-2812.

Governing Council 2022- Federated Church Elders

Wayne McCormick, President
Julie Graham, Vice President
Louise Moran, Secretary

Class of 2022

John McClure
Renee Norris
Alison Wagner

Class of 2023

Jesse Abrego
Katie Claus
Mimi Ernst

Class of 2024

Donna Augspurger
John McPhail
Mark Weeder

Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons

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| Mimi Ernst, GC Rep. | Laura Porter, Ch. | Wilma Arp |
| Kathy Leischner | Barb Olson | Ruth Erwin |
| Jean Royer | Sharon Kuncel | Peg Meyer |

Federated Church Staff

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| Bob Arp, Chancel Choir Director | Stuart Gausman, Bell Choir Director |
| James Sharpe, Organist/Accompanist | Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia, El Buen Pastor Fellowship |
| Betty Garcia Lopez, Nursery Attendant | |

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2022 & SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH 2022

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

PRELUDE

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

J.S. BACH

Canon in D Major

JOHANN PACHELBEL

Piano Prelude #17

James Sharpe, Organ/Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all who are thirsty.

All: Come, all who are seeking.

One: Come, all who are waiting.

All: Come, all who labor.

One: Come, all who need rest.

All: Come, all who dream dreams.

One: Come - whether you're young or old, confident or curious, lonely or hopeful.

All: This is God's house.

One: All are welcome here.

All: Let us worship holy God.

OPENING HYMN

Come Thou Font

Playback Media

All are welcome to sing along with video

CALL TO CONFESSION

There is something so healing, so life-giving, about telling our stories. In the prayer of confession, that is what we get to do. The mask comes off. Any pretense of perfection is removed. We let the pressure to perform slip away and we sit here, face to face with God, sharing honestly who we long to be. Friends, there is healing here. There is life to be gained here. So join me in this moment of honesty. Join me in the prayer of confession.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we treat our self-worth like something that can be bought at a store; but you know this even better than we do. Instead of trusting that we are made good, instead of trusting that we are loved exactly as we are, we stockpile our value in earthly things - in trophies and awards, in likes and follows, in wealth and power. Forgive us for creating our own measuring stick. Heal our open wounds and tell our hearts that we won't be forgotten if we slow down. We won't be forgotten if we rest.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS FOR FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, take a deep breath. Release the tension in your jaw. There is good news here. For even when we stumble, even when we take the easy way out, even when we forget our own self-worth, even when we lose our way - we belong to God.

All: We are loved. We are claimed. We are under God's wing. We are worthy of grace. We belong to God. Amen.

PASSING 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jan Pickrel

BELLS OF JOY ANTHEM

O Lamb of God, Most Holy

ARR. K. WIFFINGER

Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Wilma Arp, Liturgist

God of fig trees and foxes, of today and tomorrow, we would like to ask that you scoop us up. Pick us up like a great gust of wind. Startle us awake like a first love. Light a fire in us like tomorrow depends on today. Do all of this to get our attention and then turn us toward you. We are a scattered people, God. The world is moving faster than we can keep up. So we pray - scoop us up. Catch our eye. Open our ears. Capture our attention. We are here. We long to be close to you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Luke 13 : 6 - 9

Pew Bible, NT, Page 76

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Brenda Sand

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that the God of the cosmos is at work here.

We believe that God is fertilizing the soil.

We believe that God is planting roots.

We believe that God is growing fruit that is yet to be tasted.

But until that promised day when the fig tree stands tall and swords are beaten into plowshares, we believe: when our work does not bear fruit, God still loves us.

When our soil grows dry and cracked, God still longs for us.

When all seems hopeless here on earth, God holds hope for us.

The God of the cosmos is at work here. We believe. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

As recipients of the generosity of God, let us share our generosity with each other and the community.

OFFERTORY

Blessed Are Ye Faithful Souls

JOHANNES BRAHMS

* LENTEN DOXOLOGY

Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

*** UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

For the wondrous ways this offering will bless this community, we dedicate these gifts. For the ways it'll help us nurture caring relationships with our neighbors, we dedicate these gifts. Let this offering, and the works of our hands and feet, be good fruit in the world. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #298**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Prelude in B-Flat Major

J.S. BACH

Café La Fed is hosted by Nominating Committee



Name: _____

Date: _____



Miles: _____

Total current miles (end of week 3): 968.88

Average weekly miles needed: 753

Average weekly miles needed (if 'flying' over Atlantic Ocean): 307



Easter Flowers

Please **order flowers** by **March 25th**.
Easter Flowers are given to God's glory,
and may also be designated as a memorial
and/or given in honor of special persons.



| | Quantity | Total |
|--|----------|-------|
| Lily - \$10.00 | | \$ |
| Mum - \$15.00 | | \$ |
| Begonia - \$20.00 | | \$ |
| Grand Total - due to church office by March 25th | | \$ |

Plants purchased elsewhere are welcome. Please label it with your name.

Donor Name(s) _____

To God's glory and in memory of _____

To God's glory and in honor of _____

Please return this form and payment to church office by March 25th.
Make checks payable to Federated Church. Please note 'Easter Flowers' on the memo line.

Emergency response to Ukraine war



As the violence in Ukraine continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Our first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work. Our response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead.

GIVE: To support emergency relief for those fleeing Ukraine, designate gifts to DRO00156. You can also text PDAUKR to 41444 to donate. Gifts can be made online at pcusa.org/UK22, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check using the below reply device.

ACT: Urge the U.S. government to support generous aid for refugees and civilians suffering in Ukraine, and call for engaging a diplomatic solution to the conflict.

PRAY: May we undigird our prayers with tangible resources to help.

May we reach deeply, give generously, and welcome extravagantly.

May we lift our voices in a strong and unified advocacy.

May we all, even as we breathe in lament, breathe out mercy, hope and peace.

And in this Lenten season, when we walk the way toward death and resurrection, repent our complicity in cultures of violence and renew our efforts toward justice and peace.

-Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

☐ \$500 ☐ \$125 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Congregation/PIN _____

Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



UK22-BI



The United Church of Christ is issuing an appeal for the people of Ukraine and will be working with global partners to assist vulnerable communities within that country.

The UCC, through Global H.O.P.E. and Global Ministries, will be collaborating with ACT Alliance and the Reformed Church of Hungary (RCH) to bring aid to Ukraine. RCH is responding to the situation in the war-torn country through its agency, Hungarian Reformed Church Aid. That group has been offering humanitarian assistance since Russian troops first attacked Ukraine on Feb. 24. It's working with elderly and other vulnerable communities inside the country who have not been able to leave, including immigrants and migrant populations who are experiencing difficulties crossing into other European countries. HRCA is also working with refugees who are leaving the country.

Gifts to the UCC Ukraine Emergency Appeal will provide shelter, food and other care to war refugees and internally displaced people. It also will help refugees and asylum seekers from African, Middle Eastern and other countries who had sought refuge in Ukraine and now are twice displaced, as well as other citizens of more than 125 countries living in Ukraine. To donate, go to

https://app.mobilecause.com/form/8w38_Q?vid=gcyeg

The UCC's advocacy office in Washington, D.C., is encouraging people through this action alert to urge the Biden administration to bolster support for Ukrainians by:

- Providing significant humanitarian assistance, both in terms of financial support and operational personnel.
- Rebuilding a robust, well-resourced refugee program that can effectively process refugees from a variety of regions across the globe, including Ukraine.
- Designating Ukraine for Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) or Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to protect Ukrainians already in the U.S.

Granting Special Student Relief (SSR) to allow eligible students from Ukraine to remain in the U.S.



by [Connie Larkman](#) | published on Mar 1, 2022

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

♦ Pray for the family Bob Smith who died February 9, 2022. A Celebration of Life will be held at Federated Church on March 23rd at 1:00pm with a luncheon following service.

♦ Pray for the family of Alice Christensen, Sheri & Dave Melick's mother. Alice passed away on March 12, 2022. Service arrangements are pending.

♦ Pray for the family of Robert Doeden, brother-in-law to Daryl Smith. Robert recently had heart bypass surgery then suffered a massive stroke.

♦ Homestead Presbytery: Steele City

As a small congregation, we have been able to continue worship with minimal health risks. We 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 opportunities of outreach in our small community. Pray that we rise to the task of loving our neighbors and offering the hand of Christ.

Social Concerns & Missions Monthly Donations

January, February, March - Peanut butter for the Backpack program. The Backpack program uses 16-ounce plastic jars of peanut butter in the food bags.

Federated Church Foundation Scholarships for First Year College Students

The Federated Church of Columbus Foundation is currently in the process of accepting scholarship applications from any Federated senior high students who are graduating this year, as well as any previous graduates who have not previously applied for or accepted a scholarship from the Federated Church Foundation. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship please contact Chrissy in the church office.

Federated Church members and the Membership and Growth Committee are offering assistance to our members in need of transportation to our worship services. You may contact our office by e-mail or by calling 402-564-2812 and our staff will have a volunteer make arrangements with you. If you would like to be a volunteer driver, please sign the form in the narthex and indicate which service(s) you would be able to help with.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, March 20th

8:45am SALT (Adult Ed), EC4/5
9:00am Education Hour, EC Rooms
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am H.I.S. Puppeteers Practice, EC rooms

Monday, March 21st

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers, Gym
7:00pm Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 22nd

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8 & Online
7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 Den Meeting, FH
8:00pm Governing Council Meeting, EC8

Wednesday, March 23rd

10:00am Staff Meeting, Office
12:15pm Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon, St. Luke's
1:00pm Bob Smith's Celebration of Life
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
6:30pm Bell Choir Practice, Sanctuary
7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 24th

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers, Gym
6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, March 25th

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, March 26th

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, March 27th

8:45am SALT (Adult Ed), EC4/5
9:00am Education Hour, EC Rooms
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am H.I.S. Puppeteers Practice, EC rooms

Upcoming Events:

- March 25 - Easter Flower Orders Due
- April 3 - Installation of Solo Pastor-Elect, Edward Yang, 3pm in Federated Sanctuary
- April 10th - Palm/Passion Sunday
- April 14th - Maundy Thursday, Service
- April 15th - Good Friday; Office Closes at 12
- April 17th - Easter Sunday
- April 18th - Office Closed
- April 24th - Jazz Sunday

Federated will have their next week to deliver Meals on Wheels April 18-22. Kathy Leischner will be coordinator. 402-276-7415 or 402-564-2990