

FEDERATED CHURCH



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



MAUNDY *Thursday*



April 1, 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, Pastor Edward's cell phone is (402) 302-2812.

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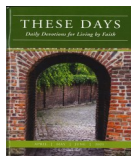
JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Please pray for the family of Helen Gerber, who passed away on Monday, March 22, 2021.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Brian Beckner, who passed away on Saturday, March 20, 2021.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Dean Lopour, father of Lacey Ternus, who passed away on Tuesday, March 23, 2021.
- ◆ Pray for Rosie Heinisch, who received a stem cell transplant and is currently recovering in isolation for about 100 days.
- ◆ Pray for individuals and families affected by COVID-19.
- ◆ Pray for Karel & Don Morris, sister and brother-in-law of Marilyn Vrana. Don fell and broke his shoulder and sprained his foot; Karel is too ill to help care for him.
- ◆ From Homestead Presbytery: **Pender**
The United Church of Pender appreciates the prayers and concern that the Presbytery has shown us during the pandemic. Continue to please pray for those we haven't seen for a year and miss but understand their difficulties during this time. We have connected through Facebook and Zoom but still we all miss the personal relationships that are not possible right now. Prayers for Pastor Dan and our sister church, the Evangelical Covenant Church, our members who are in care facilities and their families that have not been able to connect for almost a year now. Prayers that financially we are able to maintain our church and that our members soon will be able to come together as a family.

Bible Reading Questions

- When a plague of serpents strikes the people as retribution for their sin, what does Moses do to bring them relief? (Numbers 21)
- How did Paul know that he was to minister to the Gentiles? (Acts 22)



These Days Daily Devotional Books for **April-May-June 2021** are now available in the Narthex or you can pick one up in the church office.

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.

Walk to Jerusalem 2021

Started Sunday, February 21st, 2021 and ends Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. Call or email your minutes/miles to the church office. For more information, contact Jim or Chrissy.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, April 4 (Resurrection of the Lord/Easter)

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Easter Monday, April 5 (Church office closed)

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

6:30pm PEO Meeting, EC 4

7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 6

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

7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279, Fellowship Hall

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

Wednesday, April 7

6:45am 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, April 6

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

6:30pm Scouts Roundtable, Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 9 No events scheduled

Saturday, April 10

1:00pm LaRene Busler Memorial Service, Sanctuary

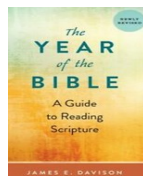
Sunday, April 11

9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & other

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

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

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.

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 congregational hymn may be sung at the end of service.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021

Hymns, Songs, Prayers, and liturgies in **Bold** are for the participation of the **Congregation**
The Prelude invites us to begin our time of worship; please take this time for silent reflection.

PRELUDE

*He Was Despised from 'The Messiah'
The Old Rugged Cross
God So Loved the World
Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano*

HANDEL
ARR. WOLAVER
ARR. D. PAXTON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

UCC Worship Ways

One: The Israelites cried out to God in their oppression.

All: Their voices still echo around the globe: in India, Sudan, Mexico, and in American cities.

One: God hears the cries of the suffering, and delivers those who wait on God.

All: All who suffer, who die, who are alienated are precious to God; Let us love the Lord who restores liberty, and gives us hope for peace.

One: Today we remember the One who gave himself for us, Jesus the Christ.

All: Let us worship God!

OPENING SONG

Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days

Vocals: Bob Arp, Wilma Arp, Doug Williams and Randi Williams

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Giver of Life, from time immemorial you call us to yourself. In ways too numerous to mention, we fail to respond. Forgive us, we pray. Our limited understanding of culture gets in the way of fellowship with those different from ourselves. Our limited vision of community gets in the way of your call to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to seek justice and peace for all. Replace our arrogance, Merciful One, with the humility and caring service Jesus modeled, for truly we are not greater than our Teacher and Savior. Amen.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: God gives us grace and more grace.

All: Assured of this truth, in Christ we are forgiven! Amen!

PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Edward Yang, Co-Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING 1 (RECALLING THE PASSOVER)

Brenda Sand, Co-Liturgist

Guiding questions: *Imagine yourself and your family in this text, among the Israelites who were enslaved and desperate. What thoughts might go through your mind as you follow these instructions and prepare this meal? How would you explain to children why you are eating "hurriedly"? Are you excited? Fearful? What images of oppression and liberation come to mind? Where do you experience the need for freedom in your life? in your community? in our world? What is the cost of freedom?*

Exodus 12 : 1 - 4, 11 - 14

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

All: Thanks be to God!

TIME FOR REFLECTION

Ave Verum

MOZART

SCRIPTURE READING 2 (A NEW COMMANDMENT FROM JESUS: SERVANT LEADERSHIP)

Guiding questions: *Imagine yourself in this upper room with Jesus and his friends. With whom do you identify? How do you feel? Peter resists Jesus' service of footwashing. Would you? Are you surprised that Jesus included Judas in the footwashing? What would it take to offer a service of love to someone who hurt or betrayed you? What manner of love does Jesus model and command of us?*

Gospel According to John 13 : 1 - 17, 31b - 35

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All: Thanks be to God!

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Reading 3 (Community and Communion: God in Our Midst)

Guiding questions: *This commemorative act, central to our tradition, comes alive for us each time we gather at the Communion Table. In re-enacting this event, what is it that we receive from the Lord and pass on to future generations? At this table, and especially on this night, we stand remembering our past, faithful in our present and hoping in God's future, proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes again.*

(1 Cor 11: 26) Certainly we remember Christ's death when we gather here, but what does a future rich in grace and hope look like, when Christ will come again? What does this moment feel like, entwining memory, faith, and hope? Do you welcome Christ when you sit down to break bread with friends? Whom does Christ call you to invite to join you at the Lord's table?

1 Corinthians 11 : 23 - 26

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

TIME FOR REFLECTION

Sacred Head, Now Wounded

BACH

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**GREAT PRAYER 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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

By Christ Redeemed
Chancel Choir (March 4, 2018)

SHAFFERMAN

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, gracious God, for the gift of life. Thank you for Christ and his indwelling Spirit among us. Help us discipline ourselves to walk in the Way of the Lord, that we might serve all of creation in love, to the glory of God, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

We are your servants, O God, for you have loosed all other bonds that held us captive. In freedom, we follow you. In gratitude, we praise you. Celebrating all that you have done for us in Christ, we bring before you tithes and offerings, bread and wine, asking you to add your blessing so that all that we have and all that we are may be used in blessing others. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PREPARING FOR GOOD FRIDAY**VIDEO CLIP: "Sounds of the Cross" by Igniter Media****CLOSING HYMN**

Were You There? (verses 1-3, 5)

BENEDICTION

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

Were You There

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you
 4 Were you there when the sun re-fused to shine? (Were you
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you

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O! Some-times it caus - es me to

trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. Were you

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