

# FEDERATED CHURCH



## **Fifth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day Sunday, May 10, 2020**

### **Mission Statement:**

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

### ***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.**

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.
- ◆ Pray for Nila Novotny's mother, Dorothy Moore, who fell, broke her hip and had surgery. She was transferred back to the Oakland, NE nursing home and turned 92, May 3.
- ◆ Pray for Bob Smith who needs heart surgery.
- ◆ We rejoice with Steve Heinisch receiving the League Excellence Award in establishing Project GPS at Central Community College.
- ◆ We would like lift up health care workers by name during the coronavirus pandemic. Please share name and info for relatives who work in this profession:
  - ◆ **Dr. Nila Novotny** (member & local physician)
  - ◆ **Dr. Jeff Gotschall** (member & local physician)
  - ◆ **Carrie Prokopec** (member, daughter of Doug & Randi Williams, ER nurse at CCH)
  - ◆ **Lisa Perrin** (member & nurse at CCH)
  - ◆ **Dr. Paul Vrana** (son of Ben & Marilyn Vrana, researcher at Mt. Sinai Hospital NYC)
  - ◆ **Michael Griffith** (son of Annette & Bob Griffith, nurse in Omaha)
  - ◆ **Dr. Tyler Curry** (son of John & Deb Curry, psychiatrist in Omaha)
  - ◆ **Jill Morris** (daughter of Jim & Kathy Morris, traveling nurse)
  - ◆ **Dr. Jacob & Abbie Oran** (son-in-law and daughter of Kathy & Kenn Leischner, physician and nurse in Kearney)
  - ◆ **Drs. Jeff Zoucha & Jennifer Hill** (son & daughter of Marv & Barb Zoucha, physician in Denver & ob/gyn in Omaha)
  - ◆ **Drs. Brian, Jeff & Jessica Gartrell** (son, son & daughter-in-law of Bruce & Diana Gartrell; family practice in Omaha, ENT/family practice in Council Bluffs, IA, pediatrician/hematology/oncology at St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, TN)
  - ◆ **Lily Pickrel** (granddaughter of Jan Pickrel, CMA at Genoa Long Term Care Center and nursing student)
  - ◆ **Michelle Bellum Goedeken, Sarita Goedeken Panowiecz & Lorrie Niemeyer** (daughter, granddaughter & niece of Fred & Rene Bellum; nurse at Fairbury Hospital, radiology tech, nurse practitioner at St. Elizabeth's Hospital)
  - ◆ **Cheryl Blodgett** (niece of Deb & Doug Rasby)
  - ◆ **Ken Koehler** (relative of Georgia & Rod Behlen)

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Most in-person events have been cancelled due to the current pandemic situation and the 10 persons per gathering limit restriction.

**Sunday, May 10**

**Monday, May 11**

7:00pm Confirmation Lesson on Zoom

**Tuesday, May 12**

1:00pm Online Lectionary Bible Study

zoom.us/j/674120363

**Wednesday, May 13**

10:00am Staff Meeting

11:00am Worship Planning Meeting

4:30pm Online Lectionary Bible Study

zoom.us/j/648299543

**Thursday, May 14**

7:00pm Mission Study Committee on Zoom

**Friday, May 15**

**Saturday, May 16**

**Sunday, May 17**

**Chancel flowers** are given "in loving memory of our mother on Mother's Day and our father's birthday" by Gail Wurdeman and Sara Aerni.

### Phil Wilson Scholarship Renewals

**Federated Church Foundation Scholarship Renewal Applications** were mailed this week. Please contact **Jim in the church office** if you do not receive yours. Applications are **due back** to the church office **with an official transcript** (or copy) **no later than June 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Late applications are subject to a reduction penalty.

Do you have a portable DVD player or laptop that you are no longer using? If so, can we take it off your hands? We have church members who are not able to view worship services on TV or internet, so these devices can help to provide a portable viewing machine. Please let the office know if you have a device to donate or need a device to watch services.

- ◆ **Holly Tracy** (daughter of Rae & Dave Fulton, ER nurse at Faith Regional Hospital, Norfolk)
- ◆ **Cathy Flowers Cox** (daughter-in-law of Nancy Blackburn & John Cox, ER nurse in Dodge City, KS)
- ◆ **Julie Bennett** (daughter-in-law of Pete & Carol Bennett, occupational therapist at CCH)

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020

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

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

UCC Worship Ways

One: Jesus said, I go and prepare a place for you, and I will come again.

**All: We gather in this place to know your presence and your love, now and always.**

One: Jesus said, I am the way, and the truth, and the life. If you know me, you know God.

**All: We pray to know you more deeply, that we may know God more intimately, now and always.**

One: Jesus said, Ask me for anything, and I will do it.

**All: Help us to ask for the right things, Lord Jesus Christ, that we may fulfill your will, now and always.**

One: Jesus said, Believe in me, and Follow me.

**All: Help us to worship you fully believing and following – now and always!**

**OPENING HYMN STF No. 2051      *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry***

Lee Augustin, Accompanist; Bob & Wilma Arp, Cantors

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Ever-gracious God, from generation to generation you call forth faithful women and men to be willing servants of truth. You fill us with strength and hope,

**All: Yet we find it is often not enough.**

One: We pray both for great faith and for easy lives,

**All: But we know these things seldom exist together.**

One: We pray only to avoid the time of trial

**All: When we need also to pray for strength and confidence to face the challenges that come with faithfulness. Forgive us, God, for our limited vision and our feeble trust.**

One: Make us strong like Stephen, so that we may rejoice in your unending grace even in the times of deepest suffering.

**All: In Christ we pray. Amen.**

### MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Do not let your hearts be troubled, but share instead in Stephen's vision of the heavens opened and Christ standing at the right hand of God. This glorious vision of hope is for all of us, for we are forgiven of all that separates us from the Holy One.

**All: Blessed be God, the giver of life, and blessed be God's people, who rejoice in Christ, the way, the truth and the life.**

### PASSING THE PEACE

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, CE Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marv Zoucha, Liturgist

### SCRIPTURE READING

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 7 : 55 – 60

One: Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Affirmation of Faith – “Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us” by Daniel Bechtel**

Like a mother who has borne us, held us close in her delight, fed us freely  
from her body, God has called us into life.

Like a father who has taught us, grasped our hand and been our guide, lifted  
us and healed our sorrows, God has walked with us in life.

Though as children we have wandered, placed our trust in power and might,  
left behind our brothers, sisters, God still calls us into life.

When we offer food and comfort, grasp our neighbor's hand in love,  
tread the path of peace and justice, God still walks with us in life.

**Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY**

ROGER C. LYNN

*Praise God whose breath fills all the earth; Whose love reveals our sacred worth;  
Whose Spirit forms one family; Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.*

**UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God, bless our offerings, that they may heal and make whole the lives of all your children. And  
bless those who give and those who long to give, that we may become living stones of mercy, grace  
and justice in the house of your creation. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN STF NO. 2170**

*God Made from One Blood*

**BENEDICTION**

Special thanks to Tim Rathje for recording the service and Val Rathje for running PowerPoint.