

FEDERATED CHURCH



INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



Sunday, March 5, 2017

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

If you are new to Federated, please tell us on a “Visitors Card” & in a red Friendship Folder.
Children are welcome in worship at Federated. Children’s Activity Bags are at the Sanctuary entrance. The Library/“Cry Room” is child friendly. **Child care is available Sundays** in the Nursery.

Ushers are here to help you: Rick Porter (Thurs.), Anita Kaspar, Randy Kaspar, Cliff Jensen, John Petersen, Marilyn Petersen and Clark Smith.

Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals are also available.

We are called Federated because on July 2, 1914, Columbus’ Congregational (now the United Church of Christ) and Presbyterian churches joined in an effort to serve as one congregation.

For **Prayer Chain** requests, call the Church Office (402) 564-2812 to call the

Order of St. Andrew to start the prayer chain. The Prayer Chain is strictly confidential.

If you missed worship last week, visit www.federatedcolumbus.org to see videos of worship and bulletins or Channel 99 (HD) Mondays and Saturdays at Noon and Sunday evenings at 8pm.

In case of an emergency, the pastors’ cell phone numbers are:

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WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

The Prelude invites us to begin our time of worship.

PRELUDE

Meditation Religieuse
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

BLAIR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST WORSHIP

WAYS

One: Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us!

All: God's love holds us in all times and in all places.

One: We are protected, in woe as in well, by the goodness of God.

All: Through our worship, we love the God who dwells in us, and in whom we dwell.

One: Let us turn our hearts to God with the sung prayer of confession.

*SUNG PRAYER OF LENTEN CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION ‡

BEACH SPRING

*We have failed to love our neighbors, their offences to forgive;
Have not listened to their troubles, nor have cared just how they live,
We are jealous, proud, impatient, loving over much our things;
May the yielding of our failings be our Lenten offerings.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

PSALM 27

One: Amen. Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

* OPENING HYMN NO. 485

To God Be the Glory

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.) *All children are invited forward for a special message.*

CHORAL ANTHEM (SUN.)

Amazing Love! How Can It Be
Bob Arp, Director

L. LARSON

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Nick Warren, Liturgist (Sun.)

The Gospel according to John 5: 1 - 18

Pew Bible New Testament page 96

SERMON

"Do you want to be well?" (John 5: 6)

Fourth in an Eight-Week Series: Questions of Jesus

Annika Lister Stroope, Senior Pastor

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 510

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (verses 1 - 2)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

‡ tune #2138 in blue Sing the Faith songbook

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Communion of God's People

*Congregants are served communion in the pews. Please hold the bread and cup to partake together. Federated celebrates an open table. All who trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Children are welcome to receive communion at Federated. **Parents and guardians** may serve children as part of on-going conversations about faith. Songs & prayers may refer to "wine," but **only grape juice is served**. At the center of bread trays are **gluten-free wafers**. Please place cups in pew holders.*

Unison Prayer after Communion

All: Gracious God, you have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us to share Christ's invitation and to be faithful disciples; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 510

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (verses 3 & 4)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

It Is Well with My Soul

ARR. DECO

* 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.*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: O God, bless these gifts as expressions of our love for you, and love for our neighbors. May they help bring your reign of peace and love, through Jesus Christ, our brother and our Savior. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN NO. 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

* BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As children of God, we are no longer strangers, but friends. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

POSTLUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ARR. SASSMANNSHAUSEN



Lenten "Greening of the Church"

As we begin the season of Lent, you will notice that the artificial plants are absent from the chancel of the sanctuary. The chancel will remain unadorned through the second week of Lent. After that, members and friends of the congregation are invited to help the "greening of the church" as we journey closer to Easter. If you have a houseplant you are willing to loan to the chancel space from March 15 through April 16 (Easter), please bring the plant and place it on the chancel, which will be gradually more "greened" through each week of Lent. This liturgical visual reminder of the Lenten season and God's gift of spring is another way to prayerfully consider our Lenten journeys. After Easter, you are welcome to take your houseplant home or to donate it to the church.



LENT

Wednesday Lenten Worship Services and Lunches
at First United Methodist begin on March 8th
WEDNESDAYS at 12:05pm

March 8 — Rev. Annika, liturgist, and Pastor Mariano
Menendez of Word of Life Church preaching
March 15 — Pastor Adam Lassen of St. Luke's preaching

JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ Please hold Gene & Nancy Depue and family as they grieve the death of Gene's mother, Phyllis, who died Feb. 21. A memorial service will be Feb. 25 in Fremont.
- ◆ Please hold Randy Miller and his family and friends in your prayers as he battles cancer.
- ◆ Please hold Cynthia Irby, daughter of Bill & Carolyn, as she faces a cancer diagnosis.
- ◆ Please pray for Clare, daughter-in-law of Rev. Don and Joy Wilson, receiving treatment for breast cancer.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, March 5

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, EC 3/9
- 10:30am Foundation Quarterly Meeting
- 10:45am Adult Bible Education, EC 4/5
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, March 6

- 4:00pm Emerson Tutoring, Emerson School
- 5:15pm Order of St. Andrew, Library
- 5:30pm Special Olympics, Gym
- 7:00pm Childrens Teachers Meeting, EC 8
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 7

- 7:00am Christian Book Discussion, Fellowship Hall
- 2:00pm Staff Meeting, EC 7
- 5:30pm Youth Teachers Meeting, AD 1
- 5:30pm Special Olympics, Gym
- 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 6:30pm Eagle Scout Review Board, EC 8

Wednesday, March 8

- 12:05pm Lenten Luncheon Series, @ FUMC
- 1:00pm Needlecraft Ministry, Fellowship Hall
- 3:00pm Wed. Youth After School, FH, Gym
- 4:30pm WF Board Meeting, EC 8
- 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00pm Delta Kappa Gamma, EC 7
- 6:00pm WF Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Puppet Ministry, EC 3/8
- 7:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room, B23, Gym
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, March 9

- 11:30am Personnel Committee Meeting, AD 1
- 5:30pm Youth Meal Prep, Kitchen
- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, March 10

- 8:30am MOPS Meeting, EC, FH, Gym
- 5:30pm Triumph Builders Club, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6

Saturday, March 11

- 9:00am Fantastic 4-Hrs, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 12 - Daylight Savings Time

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, Ed Center, Upper Room
- 10:45am Adult Bible Education, Sanctuary
- 11:30am Youth Ministries Committee Meeting, AD 1
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary



UPCOMING AT FEDERATED CHURCH

For more details, visit www.federatedcolumbus.org, or contact the church office (402)564-2812.

Mission and Outreach

Dodge Ball Tournament Sunday, March 19 co-sponsored by Federated and First Methodist Churches. Grades 7-12 held at the Federated Church gym. Contact sarah.borgman@columbusfumc.org.

Saturday, March 25 at 10 a.m. - Julie Shrader, President of Rejuvenating Women, will speak at Federated Church. The goal of Rejuvenating Women is to increase awareness of sex trafficking in Nebraska, its impact on women and the community, the importance of identification of human trafficking in Nebraska, and what is currently being done to assist victims to help them heal. Sponsored by Federated's Social Concerns & Missions Committee. Colfax County Attorney Denise Kracl will hold a follow-up conversation on **Sunday, April 2 at 10:45a.m.** in the Federated sanctuary (Adult Ed. Hour).

The Women's Fellowship annual **Birthday Offering** will be received in the "Birthday Jar" in the Narthex on Thursdays, April 20th and 27th and Sundays, April 23rd and 30th. Thank you for supporting this church wide mission Project sponsored by the Social Concerns and Missions Committee.

Bible Studies & Christian Education

Adult Education Series: Questions of Jesus resumes in the Sanctuary at 10:45a.m. for Bible study.

Phil Wilson Scholarship Program

Federated High School Seniors and their parents are invited to a **scholarship informational meeting** with Foundation board members on **Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00PM** in Ed Center room EC 8.

Caring and Fellowship

The Needlecraft Ministry is again asking for men's or women's t-shirts, sizes large or larger and for colorful, good, used sheets to make hospital gowns. They may be left in the church office. Any questions, ask Louise Moran 402-564-5745.

Women's Fellowship meets **March 8** - Board meeting at 4:30p.m. in Room 8 followed by a **Fellowship Gathering** with a meal at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **Tamra Boettcher** will present a program about her Mission Trip to Nicaragua. All are welcome!!! Call Cec to reserve a meal, or come at 6:30 for the

Women's Fellowship: Reading 4 books from the 2016-2017 PWWP reading lists qualifies for recognition at the Area Spring Gathering in 2017. You may include reading from previous lists, Horizons Magazine and Presbyterians Today. Turn in your list of books read to Marilyn Vrana, 402-563-3265 by March 1. A complete list of books is in the Church Library.