



FEDERATED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

June 21

W e l c o m e !

Upcoming Activities and Opportunities at Federated

Worship Services Online

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, **all in-person worship services are canceled through and including September 6.**

View an online stream of worship at:
[YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch](https://www.youtube.com/TheFederatedChurch)

The building will be locked up .
All events and meetings are canceled.

Latest updates can be found at
[fedchurch.org/covid](https://www.fedchurch.org/covid).

God accepts me just as I am, and loves me too much to leave me that way. Federated accepts all people as they are and supports them in the spiritual journey. With Christ we offer hope and healing to change our world.

Ahead At The Fed

Sunday, June 28

Led by Marty Culbertson, Director of Youth Faith Formation

UCC Strengthen the Church offering received

10 am

Online Worship

Music by quartet: Nancy Isham, Kate Breen, Jim Cunningham, Keith Mast

June 28 - Scriptures

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalm 45:10-17 *or* Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalm 145:8-14

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, July 5

Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner preaches

Communion celebrated

10 am

Online Worship

*Music by Marcia Snavely,
Barry Stees, bassoon &
Kiko Weinroth, soloist*

We welcome you to The Federated Church, a place to belong and a place to become. We are people just like you, who hope and love and hurt, and we have found that Jesus Christ makes a transforming difference in our daily lives. Your presence matters to us. We open our hearts to you.

The following Statement of Solidarity has been thoughtfully prepared by the leadership of the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry at the invitation of the Church Council.

STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY

The Federated Church stands in solidarity with our Black and Brown sisters and brothers who over generations have been and continue to be subject to a high level of violence through overzealous policing, racial profiling, and white vigilantism as well as the failure of justice in our courts.

While the murder of George Floyd at the hands of the police is the immediate cause of today's unrest, we acknowledge that his murder is but one example of the many ways systemic racism is rooted in our society.

We believe we are in the midst of two pandemics. COVID-19 has stolen the breath from thousands of our fellow Americans. The other -- some call it "COVID-1619" -- has been stealing the breath from our Black and Brown sisters and brothers for over 400 years. When one of us cries, "I can't breathe," we are all robbed of that Pentecost moment when the Spirit of the Lord moved like a mighty wind into bodies in that first-century crowd, giving them breath. While we may speak with many tongues, with this breath the Spirit allows us to hear and understand as though there is but one voice (Acts 2:4, 6).

We believe we are in a Pentecost moment now. The wind of the Holy Spirit has pulled the curtain back from our confusion and we now can see clearly that racism is America's Original Sin.

We seek a way forward in which every person's life is valued and communities are kept safe because those charged with protecting them realize that they themselves are part of a greater family as Children of God. We stand in solidarity with those protesting peacefully for justice and reform of law enforcement. We applaud those in law enforcement who have marched with or taken a knee with protesters in recent days.

Finally, we believe that statements like this can be empty words without follow up. "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:14). In the coming weeks the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry will create an action plan for moving forward within both our church and the community.

Q&A Session

There will be a Question and Answer session regarding the Solidarity Statement right after worship next Sunday, June 28 at 11:15 on Zoom: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89888298075>

“Let Us Pray”

It could be argued that this is one of the most powerful statements in existence. Not only to Christianity, but to people of faith all over the world, the call to prayer is a strengthening, forward looking invitation. Prayer is essential in the life of our Federated Church. As such, many of us are feeling the vacuum of being together in prayer. That is why we want to offer you online, Zoom prayer experiences each week on Zoom.

Mark Simone and Maren Koepf are leading weekly prayer sessions for our church family and friends. You may log in on Zoom and be part of the virtual praying family.

Mark Simone will lead **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm** (<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84426358839>). Maren Koepf will lead **Thursdays at 8:30 am** (<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84467062584>). All are welcome as we bring to God our prayers, joys and concerns.

Jeremiah 29:12: "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you."

Social and Environmental Justice— Movie Night

TOMORROW, June 22 at 7:00 pm

Watch “Rigged: The Voter Suppression Handbook” at your leisure. Find it streamed on Amazon Prime or go to the film’s website for more options: <https://www.riggedthefilm.com/>

Log into Movie night Zoom call on **June 22 at 7:00** for a one hour of discussion and action steps planning! Use meeting ID **261-964-671**. If you would like to learn more, please contact Kathy Franz (440.543.4086 or kfranz17114@gmail.com).



Strengthen the Church Offering

Next Sunday, June 28

Strengthen the Church is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the United Church of Christ. Shared at the conference and national levels, this offering largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Federated will receive the Strengthen the Church offering on June 28.

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER: *Please include in your prayers this week....*

Each week, we ask your prayers for two of our staff members. This week please pray for **Dolly Herschel** and **Laura Taylor**.

For June, the Mission & Service Commission is asking us to keep in prayer one of our church's mission partners, **Colorado Kids and its scholarship fund**.

The Fellowship of Prayer Note Writers for this week are:

Bob Abley, Debbie Baker, Mary Ann Boysen, Paul Neidhardt, Marge Overman.

Please forward prayer requests to Kiersti Critchfield kcritchfield@fedchurch.org or 440.247.6490 x103. Our Pastoral Care Team and our Prayer and Praise Team will pray for your requests.

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