



# FEDERATED CHURCH

## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

June 28

# Welcome!

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, July 5

Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner preaches  
Communion celebrated

10 am

Online Worship

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

### July 5 - 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 12

Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner preaches  
Communion celebrated

10 am

Online Worship

*Music by Marcia Snavelly,  
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.

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## Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner here for Summer

We're thrilled that the Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner will be returning to Federated for another summer stint as part of our staff. From June 29 until August 23, Judy will be present. She will preach a number of times, and will be available for pastoral care, as well. We look forward to her arrival.

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*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. It was voted on and approved by 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 today on Zoom: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89888298075>

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## White Privilege Study starting soon—two options

The time is right to offer the White Privilege Curriculum using Zoom again this summer. If you haven't taken the class yet, please consider doing so. Past participants have consistently given this course high ratings. It is very eye-opening. Zoom has worked as the platform for the most recent round of classes. Please spread the word, as community members who are not affiliated with Federated Church are more than welcome.

**Timeframe:** Week of July 7 though the week of August 17 (six-week study with an extra week built in for any scheduling problems that may come up).

**Dates/Times:** Saturdays 1:00-2:30 pm; Thursday 1:00-2:30. Choose which date works best for you. Other days of the week and times are possible based on demand/availability.

If you would like to take a look at the curriculum you can view/download: <https://www.uccresources.com/products/white-privilege-lets-talk-a-resource-for-transformational-dialogue-pdf-download>

If you are interested, please email [steesbassoon@gmail.com](mailto:steesbassoon@gmail.com)

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## “Still We Sing” Choral Workshop

July 9, 16 and 23, 7:00-8:00 pm

Members of the Federated Choir will have a unique virtual workshop opportunity! Led by past director Amanda Powell, the three-part series will be a wonderful way to connect and have fun together through singing. Amanda devised a series of devotionals meant to invite singing, reflection, and fellowship. Assisted by Director of Music Ministries Joshua Konow and organist Marcia Snavelly.

**Week 1: July 9, “Finding Peace”** – Connect with your breath and learn songs of centering and peace.

**Week 2: July 16, “Choosing Love”** – Introduces songs that are about deep, unconditional love.

**Week 3: July 23, “Cultivating Joy”** – Experience joyful moments with exuberant singing and fun!

The workshop will happen virtually via Zoom. 30 spots available. First preference will be given to choir members, with additional spots for others. Please email Joshua at [jkonow@fedchurch.org](mailto:jkonow@fedchurch.org) to register.



## STILL WE SING

*Led by renowned songleader, Amanda Powell, Still We Sing is a unique series of devotionals and workshops inviting communities to sing, connect, and have fun.*

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## **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 **Jake Magalski** and **Jacob Evans**.

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:**

Jody Halley, 440.591.8703; Gayle Bauer, Vivian Platek, Trina Gigax, Martine Scheuermann.

*Please forward prayer requests to Kiersti Critchfield [kcritchfield@fedchurch.org](mailto: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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