



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, February 24th & Sunday, February 27th, 2022

Transfiguration of the Lord

Mission Statement:

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

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's cell phone number is: Edward (402) 302-2812.

Governing Council 2022- Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
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Alison Wagner	Mimi Ernst	Mark Weeder	Betty Garcia Lopez, Nursery Attendant	
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Terry Millard	Terry Norris	Marv Zoucha		

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2022 & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2022

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

PRELUDE

Piano Prelude (Raindrop)

FREDERIC CHOPIN

James Sharpe, Organ/Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

CREDO

One: The world belongs to God, the earth and all people.

All: How good and how lovely it is to live together in unity.

One: Love and faith come together, joy and yearning open our hearts.

All: We come now with all who hunger and thirst for life in its fullness.

One: Open our lips, O God, and our mouths shall proclaim your praise!

All: This is the day that God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: You are welcome to sing along with the opening song. Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN

Amazing Grace

Playback Media

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of All Life, you are near us everywhere, in everyone we meet and all we do. Here among caring friends, we lay our lives before you, from whom nothing in us is hidden. We admit our faults or folly: ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of all creation. We lament hurtful words and thoughtless deeds, selfish greed more than grace and generosity. Move among us, God; in your mercy, heal our hearts, renew our minds, give us life in Christ.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the good news! God raised Jesus from the dead, breaking the power of sin and evil, to redeem all creation. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God loves us faithfully still!

All: With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from God's love in our Savior, Jesus Christ!

One: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, strive to serve Christ in daily tasks, and to live holy and joyful lives, as we work with others for justice, freedom and peace.

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of God's peace.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

CHORAL ANTHEM

Peace Like a River

ARR. ALTHOUSE

Chancel Choir; Bob Arp, Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marv Zoucha, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Luke 15 : 11 - 32

Pew Bible, NT, Page 78 - 79

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

All: Thanks be to God!

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

One License #711910-A

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - “United Church of Christ Statement of Faith” (in the form of a doxology)**

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

***UNISON PRAYER FOR UKRAINE**

Convergence

God of Peace, in the face of terrible violence in Ukraine: We pray for global leaders to stand firm, and do all that they can to protect innocent human life. We pray for the people of Ukraine, that they are spared trauma, violence and death. We pray for Ukrainian soldiers doing what they can to hold off Russian advances. We pray for European democratic leaders, that they hold strong to their unity and stand on the values of democracy. We pray for the Russian soldiers, that they act with compassion and restrain their great capacity for harm. We pray the Russian people rise up and say, “No!” to violence, aggression and war. We pray for safety. We pray for retreat. We pray for peace. God, in your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY

Piano Prelude No 2

GEORGE GERSHWIN

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving Christ, you have put your life into our hands and our hearts. Take us, reshape us and our world in your love. Expect much from us and empower many through us. Lead us beyond all fear to live as one in your grace and peace, serving as inhabitants of earth and citizens of your heavenly realm. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #315**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

***BENEDICTION**

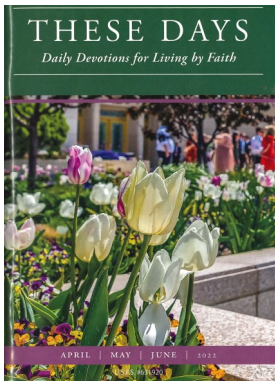
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

MYRON CASNER

Café La Fed is hosted by Pastoral Nominating Committee



Second Quarter 2022 ***These Days*** is now available in the Narthex and the Office!



Easter Flowers

Please **order flowers** by **March 31st**.
Easter Flowers are given to God's glory,
and may also be designated as a memorial
and/or given in honor of special persons.



	Quantity	Total
Lily - \$10.00		\$
Begonia - \$15.00		\$
Mum - \$15.00		\$
Grand Total - due to church office by March 31st		\$

Plants purchased elsewhere are welcome. Please label it with your name.

Donor Name(s) _____

To God's glory and in memory of _____

To God's glory and in honor of _____

Please return this form and payment to church office by March 31st.
Make checks payable to Federated Church. Please note 'Easter Flowers' on the memo line.

Here are a couple of simple ideas to include those who find walking a challenge:

- Give a mile credit for every 20 minutes of physical activity a person performs. This can include performing therapy motions, or maybe armchair aerobics for those who have knee or hip problems or are wheelchair-bound.

- Offer credit for those who do personal work to keep themselves mobile and in better shape. This doesn't need to be a workout, but could include practicing proper physical mechanics to get up from a chair or from the bed, or using simple activities at home to increase or maintain a good range of motion. You can individualize this to help people earn their "miles."

- Have people practice spiritual disciplines, such as:

- Prayer – Participants could earn a mile for every 15-20 minutes of time they spend in prayer. Prayer is a privilege and it is powerful. Some of this time could be spent in thanking God for sending Jesus to take His own difficult walk to Jerusalem to fulfill His calling to save sinners.
- Writing a letter to missionaries – This is a wonderful way to encourage our missionaries! It's also a great way to encourage parishioners to bless the missionaries you support, assuring them they are remembered as they serve. You can determine the "miles" credited — maybe a mile per page written, or a mile for every 15-20 minutes writing.
- Other spiritual disciplines, such as intentional fellowship encouraging other Christians, time spent reading the Bible, and volunteering, could also be encouraged to earn "miles."

The bottom line is this: we want to include everyone who would like to participate. This is not only for physical exercise, but also for spiritual exercise. Reflecting on what God has done for us is a practice every person should engage in, and this is a small way to do that.



Did you know walking is mentioned over 200 times in the bible?



PLATTE COUNTY
LIFESTYLE
COALITION

Name: _____

Date: _____

Miles: _____

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Please pray for Myla Bender, great granddaughter of Sharon Kunch, who has been discharged from Children's Hospital and is at home recovering.
- ◆ Homestead Presbytery: **Call to Prayer for a peaceful solution between Ukraine and Russia:** As tensions continue to rise, as soldiers on both sides of the conflict prepare, as mothers and fathers pray, let us pray for peace. Let us pray for the governments of Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, the United States and the European Union to seek all avenues for a peaceful resolution to the current tensions. And may we soften our own hearts and words in our own communities to de-escalate the tensions that consume our world. Lord, be with us, we pray. Teach us to be your peacemakers. Amen.

Bells of Joy!

Would you like to participate during service? Do you have an hour a week to participate?

Why not join the Bell Choir?!

We are always looking for new ringers. We practice one hour a week and play once a month. Rehearsals are Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. (We are wearing masks.) Show up to a rehearsal and Stuart will get you started! All are welcome!

Calling all past and future singers!

If you love to sing, or if you have always had a hankering to learn how, consider joining the Chancel Choir! As a choir director for over 35 years, I have seen many people that said "I can't sing," only to find out that when they are surrounded by a group of other singers, they blossom! The one-hour rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. Give us a try!

Used Ink Jet Cartridges are Recyclable!!!

Bring your used ink jet cartridges to the church and help our youth programs!

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, February 27th

8:45am SALT (Adult Ed), EC4/5
9:00am Education Hour, EC Rooms
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am Annual Congregational Meeting

Monday, February 28th

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers, Gym
6:30 pm Paws & Claws Board Meeting, EC5
7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 1st

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8/Zoom
7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 Den Meeting, FH
6:45pm Worship & Music Comm. Meeting, EC4

Wednesday, March 2nd - Ash Wednesday

10:00am Staff Meeting, AD2
6:30pm Bell Choir Practice, Sanctuary
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service, First UMC
7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 3rd

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers, Gym
6:00pm Round Table Meeting, FH
6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary
7:45pm Order of the Arrow Meeting, EC8

Friday, March 4th

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, March 5th

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, March 6th

8:45am SALT (Adult Ed), EC4/5
9:00am Education Hour, EC Rooms
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am H.I.S. Puppeteers Practice, EC rooms

A sign up sheet to take a meal to **THE RESCUE MISSION** is on the table in the Narthex. Thanks to all who took nourishing meals to those in need in 2021. Let's fill up the sheet for 2022!

Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 27 - Annual Congregational Meeting
- March 2 - Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service at First United Methodist
- March 13 - Daylight Savings Time begins - clocks "Spring" forward!

Membership and Growth Committee would like to help those who **NEED** rides to services and those who can **GIVE** rides to services connect! Please email the Office Staff or contact Jesse Abrego if you are interested. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Narthex!