



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, March 24th & Sunday, March 27th, 2022
4th Sunday in Lent

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 Staff	
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Alison Wagner	Mimi Ernst	Mark Weeder	Betty Garcia Lopez, <i>Nursery Attendant</i>	
Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons				
Mimi Ernst, GC Rep.	Laura Porter, Ch.	Wilma Arp		
Kathy Leischner	Barb Olson	Ruth Erwin		
Jean Royer	Sharon Kuncil	Peg Meyer		

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

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

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

PRELUDE

Adagio - Sonata 17

W. A. MOZART

Piano Prelude #17

James Sharpe, Organ/Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Prayer by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC

One: God's reach is endless.

All: God's mercy is unstoppable.

One: God's grace is lavish.

All: God's love is constant.

One: God's wisdom is vast.

All: God's hope is stubborn.

One: God's presence is here -

All: with us, among us, moving through us.

One: Breathe easy. Breathe deeply.

All: We are in God's house.

One: Let us worship the One who welcomes us home.

OPENING SONG

Your Love Never Fails

Anthony Skinner and Chris McClarney (iWorship DVD)

All are welcome to sing along with video

CALL TO CONFESSION

If you ask any parent with a teenager what it's like to wait up for their child to meet curfew, they will tell you - they're standing at the door. The porch light is on. No one can sleep until that child is home safe. Friends, I think God is like that for us. The porch light is on. The door is unlocked. We might be late for curfew, but God is just so glad we're home. So let us pray the prayer of confession together, trusting that no matter what we do or what we leave undone, the porch light is always on. Let us pray. . .

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name. It sounds like ours. And we know his story. It sounds like ours. For who among us hasn't burned a bridge? Who among us hasn't forgotten that we belong to one another? Who among us has not ached for home? The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name. Forgive us God. We want to come home.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS FOR FORGIVENESS

One: Family of faith, the word 'prodigal' can be defined as wasteful or imprudent, hence the name, "Prodigal Son." However, 'prodigal' can also be described as extravagant and excessive. Friends, we worship a prodigal God - a God who is extravagant in mercy and excessive in grace.

All: For no matter how many times we run, no matter how far we go or how lost we get, God is standing at the end of the driveway waiting for us. The doors are open.

One: The feast is for you. This grace is extravagant.

All: Thanks be to God, amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

One: Our peace comes from knowing how much God loves us in Jesus Christ. With God's help, we try to love and forgive one another as Christ loves and forgives us. *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ e with you all.*

All: And also with you.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

"Mary and Martha"

by Mikal Keefer & John Cutshall

"Don't Worry, Trust Jesus"

parody by Mark Bradford 1980

H.I.S. Puppeteers & Princess Puppeteers from Sunday School Class

Puppet Ministry; Julie Graham & Katie Claus, Directors

CHORAL ANTHEM

Misty Morning

NYGARD

Chancel Choir; Bob Arp, Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marilyn Abrego, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Luke 15 : 1 - 2, 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!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who waits in the driveway for us.

**We believe in a God who leaves the porch light on
and throws a feast when we are found.**

We believe in a God who doesn't stop looking for us when we get lost.

We believe in a God of prodigal grace - excessive, extravagant, over-the-top grace.

In response to this grace, we hold tighter to each other.

We remember that humans are not meant to go through life alone;

**so we look for ways to welcome each other in, to live like we are family, and to lead with
grace—excessive, extravagant, over-the-top grace.**

We believe that this is our call.

Let it be so. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Song Without Words

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

* LENTEN 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.**

*** UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O God, all that we have comes from you. Receive this offering and with it the offering of our lives, for we return to you only what you have so graciously given. Use us for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN GTG#418**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Old One Hundredth

JOHANN PACHELBEL

Café La Fed is hosted by Order of St. Andrew



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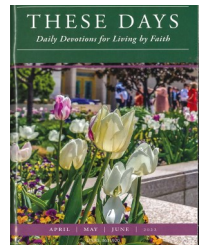
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Total current miles (end of week 3): 1,778.93

Average weekly miles needed: 753



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

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!

Christian Ed Door Keys

We are working with a locksmith on updating the mechanism on the Christian Ed Center door, so the keys will no longer be of use when that project is completed. Anyone with a CE Door key can come to the office and replace it with a new key.

AseraCare Hopsice is looking for volunteers in this area to provide support to our terminally ill patients and their families. Volunteers offer companionship, read and write letters, play board games, provide support to caregivers, and make veteran to veteran visits, Some even work in the AseraCare office. AseraCare has been giving compassionate care for over 16 years in this part of Nebraska. There is no cost for the training To sign up or find out more please contact the Volunteer Coordinator. She is located in Norfolk and her number is 402-379-4158.

418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

This 19th-century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Jesus' parable in Luke 15:11-32, commonly called "The Prodigal Son." Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for the family of Robert Doeden, brother-in-law to Daryl Smith. Robert passed away on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. A memorial service will be held on March 25th at 2pm in Syracuse, Nebraska.
- ◆ Pray for Marilyn Abrego who will be having an eye procedure to treat glaucoma on March 28th.
- ◆ Pray for Roberta Saalfeld who recently fell. She is recovering in a hospital in Omaha with her daughters by her side.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Tekamah**
Here in Tekamah, we would appreciate Presbytery prayers for our various youth ministries. We have just started up a Sunday school for the first time in many years, we have a weekly LOGOS after school program for K-6th grade, and an active Junior and Senior High group. In addition, we will have a confirmation class starting soon.

Social Concerns & Missions Monthly Donations

January, February, March - Peanut butter for the Backpack program. The Backpack program uses 16-ounce plastic jars of peanut butter in the food bags.

Federated Church Foundation Scholarships for First Year College Students

The Federated Church of Columbus Foundation is currently in the process of accepting scholarship applications from any Federated senior high students who are graduating this year, as well as any previous graduates who have not previously applied for or accepted a scholarship from the Federated Church Foundation. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship please contact Chrissy in the church office.

Federated Church members and the Membership and Growth Committee are offering assistance to our members in need of transportation to our worship services. You may contact our office by e-mail or by calling 402-564-2812 and our staff will have a volunteer make arrangements with you. If you would like to be a volunteer driver, please sign the form in the narthex and indicate which service(s) you would be able to help with.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, March 27th

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

Monday, March 28th

7:00pm Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 29th

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8 & Online
7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279 Den Meeting, FH

Wednesday, March 30th

10:00am Staff Meeting, Office
12:15pm Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon, St. Luke's
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
6:30pm Bell Choir Practice, Sanctuary
7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 31st

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, April 1st

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, April 2nd

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, April 3rd

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
3:00pm Installation of Solo Pastor-Elect,
Rev. Edward Yang

Upcoming Events:

- April 10th - Palm/Passion Sunday
- April 14th - Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30
- April 15th - Ecumenical Good Friday @ Grace Episcopal at 12; Federated Office closes at 12
- April 17th - Easter Sunday
- April 18th - Office Closed
- April 24th - Jazz Sunday

Federated will have their next week to deliver Meals on Wheels April 18-22. Kathy Leischner will be coordinator. 402-276-7415 or 402-564-2990 . Thank you to all who participate.