



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, March 31st & Sunday, April 3rd, 2022
5th 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 - Federated Church Elders

Wayne McCormick, *President*
 Julie Graham, *Vice President*
 Louise Moran, *Secretary*

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
John McClure	Jesse Abrego	Donna Augspurger
Renee Norris	Katie Claus	John McPhail
Alison Wagner	Mimi Ernst	Mark Weeder

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 Kuncel	Peg Meyer

Federated Church Clergy and Staff

Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D., Pastor - Elect edward@federatedcolumbus.org	Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director brenda@federatedcolumbus.org
Chrissy Ford, Office Administrator cford@federatedcolumbus.org	Kathy Zywiec, Office Assistant kathy@federatedcolumbus.org
Bob Arp, Chancel Choir Director	Stuart Gausman, Bell Choir Director
James Sharpe, Organist	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia, El Buen Pastor Fellowship
Betty Garcia Lopez, Nursery Attendant	

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022 & SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

PRELUDE

We All Must Die
The Old Rugged Cross
James Sharpe, Organ/Piano

J.S. BACH
ARR. JOSEPH NIMOH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

One: May we find courage here -

All: courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.

One: May we find hope here -

All: hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.

One: May we find truth here -

All: truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.

One: May we find all that we seek.

All: And in our seeking, may we know God. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Lord, I Need You
PLAYBACK MEDIA

All are welcome to sing along with the video

CALL TO CONFESSION

There are very few things as powerful as a group of people that admits they are not perfect, and asks for grace as they grow. Imagine what our world might be like if every institution had such a weekly rhythm? Friends, we can light the way. Let us be brave in our truth-telling and honest in our confession. For we will always be met by grace. Let us pray. . .

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus of Nazareth, we admit that often we tuck our faith into our pockets, hiding in a place of comfort rather than proudly declaring: yes we are Christian, yes we believe, yes this faith has changed me. We are so afraid of offending others or embarrassing ourselves that we have established rules: no faith at the dinner table, no faith in politics, no faith with strangers. Forgive us for whispering when we could be singing. Forgive us for staying quiet when we could be part of rewriting the narrative. We want to be brave. We want to pour out perfume over your feet. These things we pray.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Family of faith, hear this good news: Even in our silence,

All: God loves us.

One: Even in our fear or shame,

All: God chooses us.

One: Even when we sin,

All: God wraps us in grace.

One: You are free - to be bold, to be brazen, to be exactly who God called you to be.

All: Thanks be to God, amen.

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

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PASSING THE PEACE

One: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, a peace the world cannot give."

The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

CHORAL ANTHEM

Create a Clean Heart in Me

THEISS

Chancel Choir; Bob Arp, Director

Amanda Weeder, Accompanist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John McPhail, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to John 12: 1 - 8

Pew Bible, NT, Page 106

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We believe in beauty -

beauty pulled into being by our Creator,

beauty that catches our breath,

beauty that turns us toward awe.

We believe in courage -

courage to believe,

courage to stand up for the people we love,

courage to love without hesitation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit

who prays for us when we cannot,

who is brave for us when we are not.

We believe in Jesus Christ

who stood up for Mary,

who quieted the voice of critique,

who welcomed every bid for relationship.

We believe in God.

We believe in God who believes in us. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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, meaning all who trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Grape juice is served, though the service sometimes refers to "wine". Gluten-free wafers and fructose-

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free juices are at the center of the respective trays. Children are welcome to receive communion with the permission of parents/guardians as part of the family’s on-going conversations about faith. After partaking, please place cups in the pew holders.)

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

How Shall I Greet Thee

ERNST PEPPING

***LENTEN DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, who God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts God’s love in Christ into out hears. Amen***

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Feasting on the Word

Abundant God: You cause water to flow in desert places. You give wine to flow at a wedding feast, and food to feed five thousand on a grassy mountainside. Your generosity astounds and humbles us. We bow before you in gratitude and awe, asking you to receive what we have brought in response. May these gifts be a pleasing and fragrant offering, for the sake of the world you came to save. We pray in Christ’s holy name. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #359**

More Love to Thee, O Christ

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

HEALEY WILLAN

Café La Fed is hosted by Sharyn & Mike Beard and Marilyn & Ben Vrana

Total current miles (end of week 6) : 2501.52

Name: _____

Date: _____

Miles: _____



Emergency response to Ukraine war



As the violence in Ukraine continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Our first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work. Our response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead.

GIVE: To support emergency relief for those fleeing Ukraine, designate gifts to DR0000156. You can also text PDAUKR to 41444 to donate. Gifts can be made online at pcusa.org/UK22, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check using the below reply device.

ACT: Urge the U.S. government to support generous aid for refugees and civilians suffering in Ukraine, and call for engaging a diplomatic solution to the conflict.

PRAY: May we undergo our prayers with tangible resources to help. May we reach deeply, give generously, and welcome extravagantly.

May we lift our voices in a strong and unified advocacy.

May we all, even as we breathe in lament, breathe out mercy, hope and peace.

And in this Lenten season, when we walk the way toward death and resurrection, repent our complicity in cultures of violence and renew our efforts toward justice and peace.

—Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

☐ \$500 ☐ \$125 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Congregation/PIN _____

Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
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The United Church of Christ is issuing an appeal for the people of Ukraine and will be working with global partners to assist vulnerable communities within that country.

The UCC, through Global H.O.P.E. and Global Ministries, will be collaborating with ACT Alliance and the Reformed Church of Hungary (RCH) to bring aid to Ukraine. RCH is responding to the situation in the war-torn country through its agency, Hungarian Reformed Church Aid. That group has been offering humanitarian assistance since Russian troops first attacked Ukraine on Feb. 24. It's working with elderly and other vulnerable communities inside the country who have not been able to leave, including immigrants and migrant populations who are experiencing difficulties crossing into other European countries. HRCA is also working with refugees who are leaving the country.

Gifts to the UCC Ukraine Emergency Appeal will provide shelter, food and other care to war refugees and internally displaced people. It also will help refugees and asylum seekers from African, Middle Eastern and other countries who had sought refuge in Ukraine and now are twice displaced, as well as other citizens of more than 125 countries living in Ukraine. To donate, go to

https://app.mobilecause.com/form/8w38_Q?vid=gcyeq

The UCC's advocacy office in Washington, D.C., is encouraging people through this action alert to urge the Biden administration to bolster support for Ukrainians by:

- Providing significant humanitarian assistance, both in terms of financial support and operational personnel.
- Rebuilding a robust, well-resourced refugee program that can effectively process refugees from a variety of regions across the globe, including Ukraine.
- Designating Ukraine for Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) or Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to protect Ukrainians already in the U.S.

Granting Special Student Relief (SSR) to allow eligible students from Ukraine to remain in the U.S.



by [Connie Larkman](#) | published on Mar 1, 2022

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ♦ Pray for Marilyn Abrego who had glaucoma treatment and is recovering well.
- ♦ Pray for Roberta Saalfeld who recently fell. She is recovering at a nursing facility.
- ♦ Pray for the family of Val & Tim Rathje, whose uncle Abram Westenberg, age 95 of Leota, died Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at the Edgebrook Care Center In Edgerton, MN.
- ♦ Please pray for Gail Wurdeman who fell and is recovering at home.
- ♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Thurston John Huss**
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Thurston John Huss congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.

We recently upgraded our computers and email. Please confirm in your email settings that you have the staff emails "white-listed" or "not spam". We have a number @neb.rr.com emails that are bouncing back.

Federated will have their next week to deliver **Meals on Wheels April 18 - 22. Kathy Leischner** will be coordinator. 402-2746-7415.

Thank you to all who participate!

Needed: A Leader to plan the next garage sale! This is a very important fundraiser for Federated. There are always people willing to help, but an overall leader is needed. Will someone please step up? Just call the church office and leave a message with Chrissy or Kathy.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, April 3rd

- 8:45am SALT (Adult Ed), EC4/5
- 9:00am Education Hour, EC Rooms
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Puppets Practice, EC Rooms
- 3:00pm Installation of Pastor Elect, Sanctuary, reception to follow

Monday, April 4th

- 5:00pm OSA Meeting, EC4
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 5th

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8/Zoom
- 7:15pm Worship & Music Meeting, EC4
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts 279 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 6th

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

Thursday, April 7th

- 6:00pm Round Table Meeting, FH
- 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Order of the Arrow Meeting, EC8

Friday, April 8th

- 7:00pm Basketball, Gym

Saturday, April 9th

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, April 10th

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

Upcoming Events

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