



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, January 26, & Sunday, January 29, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**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](http://www.federatedcolumbus.org) for videos of worship and bulletins.**

**In case of an emergency, Edward's cell phone number: 402-302-2812.**

Governing Council - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
Julie Graham, <i>President</i> Alison Wagner, <i>Vice President</i> Louise Moran, <i>Secretary</i>			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D., <i>Pastor/Head of Staff</i> <a href="mailto:edward@federatedcolumbus.org">edward@federatedcolumbus.org</a>	Brenda Sand, <i>Christian Education Director</i> <a href="mailto:brenda@federatedcolumbus.org">brenda@federatedcolumbus.org</a>
<u>Class of 2023</u> Jesse Abrego Katie Claus Parker Grant	<u>Class of 2024</u> Donna Augspurger John McPhail Mark Weeder	<u>Class of 2025</u> Pat Anderson John Lohr Brenda Sand	Chrissy Ford, <i>Office Administrator</i> <a href="mailto:cford@federatedcolumbus.org">cford@federatedcolumbus.org</a>	Kathy Zywiec, <i>Office Assistant</i> <a href="mailto:kathy@federatedcolumbus.org">kathy@federatedcolumbus.org</a>
<b>Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons</b>			Bob Arp, <i>Chancel Choir Director</i>	Stuart Gausman, <i>Bell Choir Director</i>
Ruth Erwin Peg Meyer Jean Royer	Sharon Kuncel Barb Olson	Kathy Leischner Laura Porter Lori Rine	James Sharpe, <i>Organist</i>	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia, <i>El Buen Pastor Fellowship</i>
			Betty Garcia Lopez, <i>Nursery Attendant</i>	Amanda Weeder, <i>Accompanist</i>
			Mark Baumann, <i>Custodian</i>	
			Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i> Andree & Terry Hoeman, <i>Co-Historians</i>	

# Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, & SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

PRELUDE

*Deck My Soul with Gladness*

J. S. BACH

James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 15)**

UCC Worship Ways

One: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

**All: Those who do justice. Those who confront inequities and uplift the oppressed.**

One: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

**All: Those who love kindness. Those who love neighbor, friend and foe.**

One: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

**All: Those who walk humbly with you. Those who follow your lead and answer your call.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #356**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy Wisdom, you have expressed your hope for us and vision for life abundantly. Many times we settle for a temporary truce over real peace. We avoid confrontation and accountability that builds up and creates a more just world. We refuse to relentlessly pursue your will when discomfited by the cost of discipleship. Forgive us, O God, we pray.**

**\*MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* WORDS OF GRACE**

One: Receive the good news that each day presents a new opportunity to follow the way of Jesus—

**All: to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**

One: The grace of the Holy One meets us.

**All: God embraces and supports us in the turning and will be faithful to strengthen us on the path of righteousness.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** (You are welcome to share a handshake, fist bump or peace sign)

One: To Christ's peace, we are called as members of the body of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

**\*SONG#2056**

**God is So Good (verses 1 - 3)**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Deo Gratias*

ALBRECHT & ALTHOUSE

Chancel Choir; Bob Arp, Director

Amanda Weeder; Accompanist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John Lohr, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 5 : 1 - 12

Pew Bible, NT, page 4

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

CCLI License #1160936 & 20180420

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - UCC Statement of Faith (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.**

**\*RESPONSIVE HYMN (see insert for words and music) *Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit***

## 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 GENEROSITY

## OFFERTORY

*Song Without Words (Op 30, No 3)*

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

**\*DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

**Just God, we share our humble offering in hope and trust that, through these gifts, your kingdom comes and your will is done. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN (SING THE FAITH #2197) *Lord of All Hopefulness*****\*BENEDICTION**

## POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune in C Major*

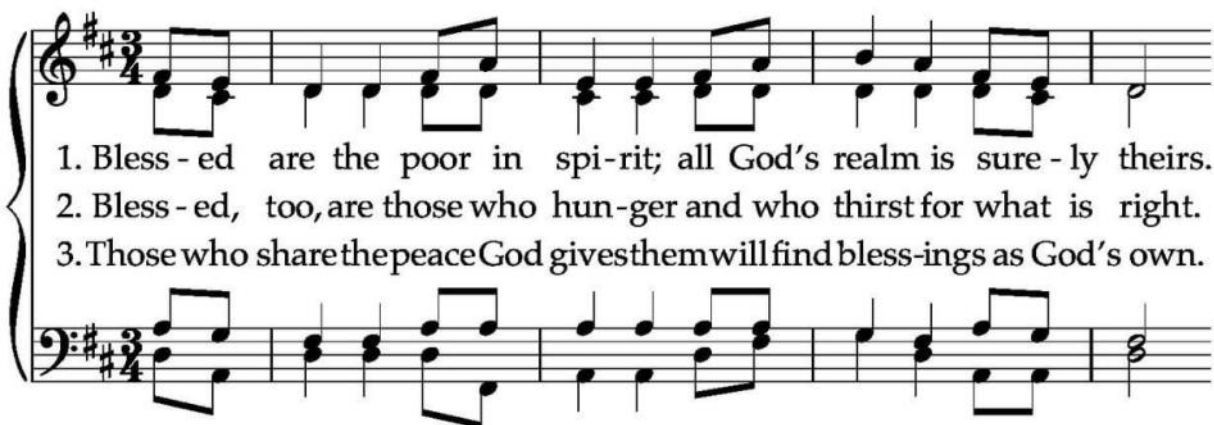
DAVID JOHNSON

Café LaFed will be hosted by the Membership & Growth

# Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2009

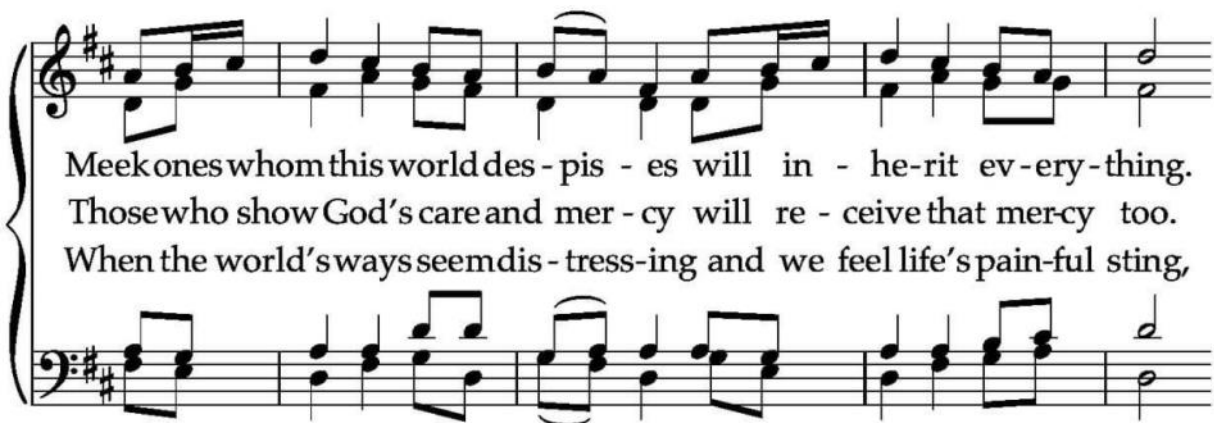
John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813



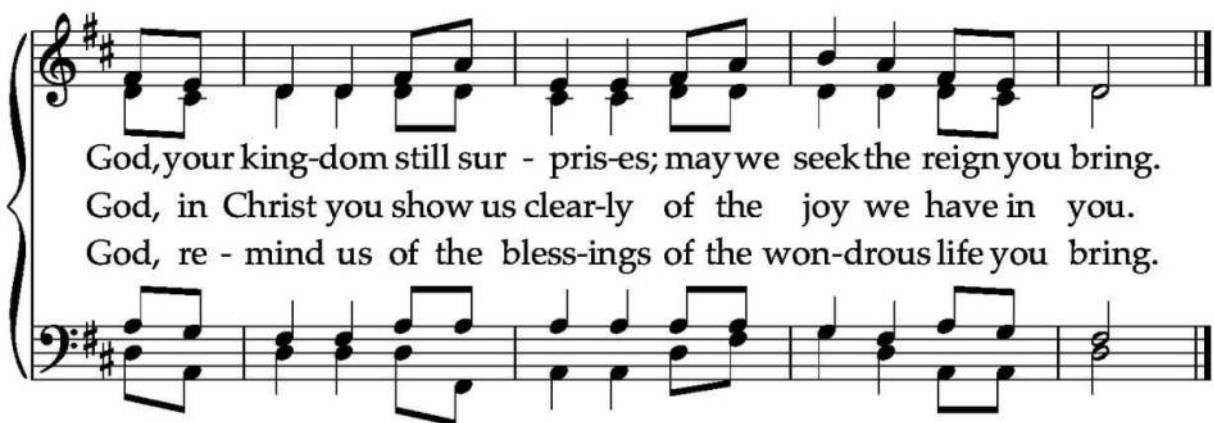
1. Bless - ed are the poor in spi - rit; all God's realm is sure - ly theirs.  
2. Bless - ed, too, are those who hun - ger and who thirst for what is right.  
3. Those who share the peace God gives them will find bless - ings as God's own.



Those in mourn - ing will find com - fort as an ans - wer to their prayers.  
They will not be prone to wan - der, for your will is their de - light.  
Those op - pressed for faith - ful liv - ing will call hea - ven's king - dom Home.



Meek ones whom this world des - pis - es will in - he - rit ev - ery - thing.  
Those who show God's care and mer - cy will re - ceive that mercy too.  
When the world's ways seem dis - tress - ing and we feel life's pain - ful sting,



God, your king - dom still sur - pris - es; may we seek the reign you bring.  
God, in Christ you show us clear - ly of the joy we have in you.  
God, re - mind us of the bless - ings of the won - drous life you bring.

## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Prayers for Bill Puckett, son of Gary Puckett, who will be undergoing surgery.

### ◆ Homestead Presbytery: Pawnee City

Please pray that our church has a successful pastoral search in the new year, so we may move forward and continue to share God's love, especially in our community.

◆ UCC Living Waters Association: Neligh First Congregational UCC (Neligh, NE 68756)

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Febr. 12 - Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive
- Febr. 12 - Walk to Jerusalem begins
- Febr. 22 - Ash Wednesday
- Febr. 26 - Annual Congregational Meeting

**NEEDED:** Property and Finance is looking for a Chair person to organize the annual Kitchen Clean-up. Please contact Julie Graham 531-218-4375 or [juliegraham@frontier.com](mailto:juliegraham@frontier.com) for information.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please contact Kathy in the church office to offer your time and be a Liturgist during Sunday Worship Services! There are many dates still available, so call or email Kathy today!

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, January 29, 2023

8:45am SALT Adult Ed. Hour, EC 4-5  
9:00am Education Hour, Education rooms  
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary  
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, January 30, 2023

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym  
6:00pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym  
7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, FH

### Tuesday, January 31, 2023

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8  
7:00pm Cub Scouts #279, Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, February 1, 2023

10:00am Staff Meeting, Church Office  
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom  
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Thursday, February 2, 2023

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym  
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary  
7:30pm Order of the Arrow, EC8

### Friday, February 3, 2023

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

### Saturday, February 4, 2023

No events scheduled

### Sunday, February 5, 2023

8:45am SALT Adult Ed. Hour, EC 4-5  
9:00am Education Hour, Education rooms  
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11:00am Youth Ministry Committee  
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

**THE POWER OF PRAYER:** The Order of St. Andrew is revising the prayer chain and would like to reach out to all members of Federated to join us in praying. The ONLY requirement is to pray when you receive a notice from the church. This notice can be in the form of a text or email. There is no recording or reporting involved. Just pray. Please let the church office know if you would like to pray with us or simply fill out the form below.

**Ephesians 6:18**  
**<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.**

Name:		
Do you want to be contacted via: (check one)	email	text message
Email Address:		
Cell phone number:		

**Small Groups are starting up again!**

**2x4s Dinner Group:** Contact Nila Novotny for more information. The schedule and participants documents are available on the Church's website.

**Arts & Music:** If you are interested in the fine arts, call or email Mimi Ernst if you would like to join!

2022 Contribution Statement will be available in the office during work hours (M-F, 8am - 4:30pm) and in the Narthex at all other times.

Please help keep the cost of postage down and pick up yours today!  
(As a tax document, these will be sent out on Monday, January 30th, per IRS regulations)

The Federated Church Landscaping Committee has started the **Commemorative Tree Program, Rooted in Love**. The minimum donation to purchase a tree and plaque to be planted in memory or honor of a loved one is \$350.00. Any moneys less the tree/plaque will be used for the Landscaping Project for bushes, maintenance, etc.

Pick up your form today in the Narthex or Office.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We are still looking to volunteers for Education Hour! Please contact Brenda at [brendajsand@gmail.com](mailto:brendajsand@gmail.com) or 402-276-2080 and let her know which you are interested in helping with!

**Substitute Teachers of All Ages, For All Ages; Youth Group Volunteers; Nursery Helpers & Subs**

***For over 30 years, the Souper Bowl of Caring movement has been inspiring people across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities.***

**This year, Souper Bowl of Caring will be February 12th. We are already taking donations for our local food pantry, The Platte County Food Pantry.**

**Some of the items they have requested include: canned fruit, peanut butter and jelly.**

**Other items the Platte County Food Pantry suggest for donations are: canned and boxed foods: soup, macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, pasta and pasta sauce, vegetables; staple food items: flour, sugar, rice, tuna, crackers, syrup.**

**This is not an all inclusive list, any non-perishable food items are needed and accepted.**

