



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, February 16th & Sunday, February 19th, 2023**  
**Transfiguration of the Lord (Last Sunday before 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](http://www.federatedcolumbus.org) for videos of worship and bulletins.**

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

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# Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD (LAST SUNDAY BEFORE LENT)

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

PRELUDE

*Arabesque*

ROBERT SCHUMANN

James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Feasting on the Word

One: The Holy One is our sovereign.

**All: Let us praise God's great and awesome name!**

One: Mighty ruler, lover of justice,

**All: you have established fairness among us.**

**\* OPENING HYMN #73**

*Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us confess our sin.

**All: Glorious God, You are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet, yet we fail to listen to you and neglect to follow your guidance. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on, that we may walk in our ways and be happy in your refuge.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: The good news of our faith is this:

**All: if we call upon God we will be answered and forgiven.**

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

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

**\* SONG (SUN.)**

***This Little Light of Mine***

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; (3x)*

*let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;(3x)*

*let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

BELLS OF JOY

*God's Great Name We Praise*

Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Doug Williams, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 17 : 1 - 9

Pew Bible, NT, pages 18-19

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"How's Your Transfiguration Going"

Kevin Wagner

**\*RESPONSIVE HYMN #75**

*O Wonderous Sight, O Vision Fair*

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

Our God has revealed to us a law and a love that leads us into becoming God’s own daughters and sons. Therefore, let us gratefully give from that which has first been given to us, our lives, our talents, and our possessions.

OFFERTORY

*On Wings of Love and Prayer*

**\* 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.***

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God of mountaintops and valleys, be our vision of you clouded or brilliantly clear, we faithfully add our gifts to those being given all around us. Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured into your presence in the world. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #462**

*Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**This is my day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it... or use it for good. What I do today is very important, because I’m exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving something in its place. May God, who gave me this day, also give me the wisdom to know how to live it... to be directed to add good to it... not evil. May the life which he also gave me be well spent for this day.**

POSTLUDE

*God of Grace and God of Glory (Cwm Rhondda)*

PAUL MANZ

Café LaFed will be hosted by Personnel Committee

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.

**Rescue Meals**

The sign up sheet for the Rescue Meals is in the Narthex, on the easel outside the sanctuary. Many meals are needed for the rest of the year. The new Rescue Mission facility is supposed to be ready in May or June. Please consider signing up --- it's not so much if two of you do this together. If you have any questions, call Katie Claus.

## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of J.R. Curry by his parents, John and Deb and family. J.R. would have turned 39 on February 17th.
- ◆ Congratulations to Evan & Elizabeth Dewald, who welcome son, Tripp Edward, born on February 12th. Grandparents are Steve & Marcia Dewald.
- ◆ Congratulations to Thomas & Lindsey Bowman, who welcomed daughter, Ramona Fione, born February 1, 2023. Grandparents are Susan Dixon & Dave Bowman, Great-Grandparents are Chris & Laretta Dixon.
- ◆ Pray for Bill Puckett, son of Gary Puckett, who is scheduled to have throat surgery on February 20th.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Steele City**  
As a small congregation, we continue to enjoy our partnership with Wymore, through joint services and activities. Sadly, our sister church of Mission Creek had to close their doors, but we hope to maintain those personal relationships. We also look forward as a congregation to opportunities of outreach in our small community. Christmas Eve provided a recent occasion in which families in the community joined in our worship. Pray that we rise to the task of loving our neighbors and offering the hand of Christ.
- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Omaha Countryside Community Church UCC (Omaha, NE 68114)**

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, February 19, 2023

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

### Monday, February 20, 2023

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

### Tuesday, February 21, 2023

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8
- 6:30pm Finance & Property Committee Mtg, EC8
- 7:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting, AD4
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts #279 Den Meeting, FH

### Wednesday, February 22, 2023

- 10:00am Staff Meeting, Church Office
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom
- 5:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:00pm Ecumenical Ash Wed. Service, St. Luke's

### Thursday, February 23, 2023

- 4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym
- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, February 24, 2023

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

### Saturday, February 25, 2023

No events scheduled

### Sunday, February 26, 2023

- 8:45am SALT Adult Ed. Hour, EC 4-5
- 9:00am Education Hour, Education Center rooms
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Annual Congregational Meeting, Sanct.
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### **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!

**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.

### **Upcoming Events...**

February 19th—Youth FUNday in Lincoln  
February 22nd—Ash Wednesday, Ecumenical Service at St. Luke's UCC  
February 26th—Annual Congregational Meeting

### **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**