



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, February 23rd, & Sunday, February 26th, 2023
First 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.

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

Governing Council - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

PRELUDE

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

ARR. SCHRADER

Oh, How I Love Jesus

ARR. FARRELL

Holy, Holy, Holy

ARR. HUGHES

Lee Augustin, Piano & Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

A Sanctified Art

One: Listen!

All: There is hope to be found here.

One: Listen!

All: God calls us by name here.

One: Listen!

All: There is love that abides here.

One: This world is full of chatter, so may we do our best to listen.

All: God is speaking.

One: Let us worship.

* **OPENING HYMN #268**

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Friends, if you are seeking grace, this moment is for you. If you are seeking growth, this moment is for you. If you are seeking honesty, this moment is for you. In the prayer of confession, we admit to ourselves and to God that we do not have it all figured out. And in that vulnerability, we are surrounded by God's grace. So let us pray together, using the prayer of confession printed in your bulletin (or visible on your screen). Let us pray:

All: Holy God, too often we treat your Word like a radio station—something we can tune in and out of when it's convenient. Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates, and notifications. In the midst of this clutter, we tend to gravitate toward the voices that think like us—easily ignoring the voices being silenced, easily ignoring your voice. Forgive us for failing to listen. Forgive us for getting caught in distractions. Forgive us for forgetting what your voice sounds like. Drain the distractions from our minds and help us turn once again toward you. With earnest hearts we pray, amen.

* **MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

* **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Friends, even when we tune God out, even when we prioritize other voices, even when we do all the talking and fail to listen, we are still held by God. Our sins are forgiven. Nothing could ever separate us from God's love. So with joy in our hearts, please repeat after me:
I am loved!

All: I am loved!

One: I am held in grace!

All: I am held in grace!

One: I belong to God.

All: I belong to God.

One: Amen.

All: Amen.

*** 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.)

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

BELLS OF JOY (THURS.)

God's Great Name We Praise

Recorded Sunday, February 19, 2023

CHORAL ANTHEM (Sun.)

We Believe

ARR. HEATHER SORENSON

Chancel Choir; Bob Arp, Director

Amanda Weeder, Pianist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2 : 15 - 17; 3 : 1 - 7

Pew Bible, OT, pages 2 - 3

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In a world full of noise,

we believe that God is speaking.

In a world full of chaos,

we believe that God is singing.

In a world full of temptation,

we believe that God is healing.

Church, who will you listen to?

We will listen to God—our Creator, Friend, and Guide.

Church, what will you listen for?

We will listen for water in the desert, for the wind of the Spirit,

for the laughter of children,

for the sound of open doors,

and for God's voice, who calls us beloved.

Amen.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED IN 2022 (NECROLOGY REPORT)

Laura Porter (Thurs.) & Peg Meyer (Sun.), OSA Representatives

God has gathered a great company of the faithful to this place. Today we name those who died in 2022, whose membership is now in the Church Triumphant, living fully into the joy of the resurrection.

SONG OF GRATITUDE

For All the Saints (verses 1 & 4, please remain seated)

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 (SUN.)

I Want to Be Ready

ARR. FREY

Bob Arp, Soloist

* 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

Presbyterian Outlook

God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ's ministry and mission among the poor, the despairing and the destitute. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN # 384

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D Major

KERNS

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, February 26, 2023

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

Monday, February 27, 2023

6:00pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8
5:30pm Consonaires Group, A6, Choir Room
7:00pm Governing Council Meeting, EC8
7:00pm Cub Scouts #279 Den Meeting, FH

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

10:00am Staff Meeting, Church Office
12:10pm Lenten Lunch at First UMC
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 2, 2023

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym
6:00pm Petah La Shauro Roundtable Meeting, FH
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary
7:30pm Order of the Arrow, EC8

Friday, March 3, 2023

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, March 4, 2023

No events scheduled

Sunday, March 5, 2023

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

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

♦ Pray for Christi Grabowski, mother of Karen Grabowski. Christi learned that she has recurrence of cancer.

♦ Pray for Leroy Kallweit who will be having gall bladder surgery Friday, Feb. 24th.

♦ Homestead Presbytery: Tekamah

Our youth program is busy and the young people enjoy the activities. They also deepen their faith and learn about living God's love in their world. Our prayer is that we can continue to encourage them in their faith and find ways of reaching out beyond the group we have.

♦ **UCC Living Waters Association: Omaha First Central Congregational UCC (Omaha, NE 68131)**

February 12 - 19 Walk to Jerusalem Miles: 323.80