



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, March 2nd & Sunday, March 5th, 2023
Second 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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			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, MARCH 2ND & SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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

PRELUDE

Sarabande (Pour le Piano Suite)

CLAUDE DEBUSSY

James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

A Sanctified Art

One: What is it like to begin again?

All: It is like flowers in the spring that push through frozen ground.

It is like babies learning to walk, one clumsy step at a time.

It is like Nicodemus in the night, asking Jesus for guidance.

One: May we find God in our seeking.

All: May we learn as we go.

One: May we be brave enough to begin again.

All: Let us worship the God of new beginnings.

* OPENING HYMN # 488

The God of Abraham Praise

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: One of the things I love about the prayer of confession is it offers us a new beginning. In the prayer of confession, we lay our cards on the table. We speak honestly with God about who we are and who we long to be. And in response, God wraps us in grace and lets us begin again. So together, with God's grace, let us wipe the slate clean. Together, with God's grace, let us pray the prayer of confession:

All: God of new life, you call us into unknown places, and we bury our heads in the sand. You promise all the stars in the sky, and we doubt it can be true. You speak of new life in the Spirit, and we tell ourselves we've missed our chance. Over and over and over again, you invite us closer to you. Show us the way. Forgive our mistakes. Give us the courage to begin again with you. Amen.

* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

* WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Family of faith, hear and believe this good news:

All: There is a grace to God's love that is bigger than we can imagine.

One: No matter what we did or didn't do yesterday, we have been forgiven.

All: Today, the slate is wiped clean. Today, we are made new.

One: We belong to God.

All: We are held in God's love.

One: We are made new.

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.

* SING THE FAITH # 2152

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

You are the Potter, I am the clay.

***Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.***

CHILDREN'S SERMON
CHORAL ANTHEM

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director
JOEL RANEY

Bread of Life
Chancel Choir; Bob Arp, Director
Amanda Weeder, Accompanist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
SCRIPTURE READING

Beth Sharpe, Liturgist

Genesis 12 : 1 - 4a

Pew Bible, OT, page 10

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 meets us in the shadows,
who welcomes our questions,
who invites us to begin again.**

**We believe that Jesus showed us a new way,
a deeper faith,
a more compassionate existence.**

**We believe that all of our beginnings should return us to this foundation,
and that no matter how many times we lose our way,
God always welcomes us home. Amen.**

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN**

Jesus, Remember Me

JACQUES BERTHIER, TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

(Sing respectively, as a prayer, aloud or silently)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.

COMMUNION SONGS # 1 & 2 ARE DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(Communion is served in the pews. Please hold bread and cup to partake together. Federated Church celebrates an open table, meaning all who trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. 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.)

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

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

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OFFERTORY
* DOXOLOGY

My Heart is Filled with Longing
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

J. S. BACH

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

UCC Worship Ways

O God who calls us to go out into the world with generosity, may these gifts call us from our lives of comfort and towards a faith journey that embraces your love, justice, and compassion for a world in need of your healing. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (verses 1, 3, 5)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

St. Anne

HEALY WILLAN

Café LaFed will be hosted by Good Shepherd Hispanic Ministry

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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
4:00pm Service of Wholeness & Healing, Library

Monday, March 6, 2023

5:00pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
5:15pm OSA Meeting, EC8
7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8
5:30pm Consonaires Group, Choir Room
6:30pm Christian Education Committee Mtg., EC8
5:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting, AD2
7:00pm Cub Scouts #279 Den Meeting, FH
7:00pm Worship & Music Committee Mtg., EC4

Wednesday, March 8, 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 9, 2023

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, March 10, 2023

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, March 11, 2023

No events scheduled

Sunday, March 12, 2023

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



**Daylight Saving
Time begins March
12th!**

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for Bill Irby who is recovering from a fall.
- ◆ Pray for Jesse & Marilyn Abrego. Jesse will be having collar bone surgery and Marilyn will be having hip replacement surgery.
- ◆ Pray for Christi Grabowski, mother of Karen Grabowski. Christi learned that she has recurrence of cancer.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Thurston John Huss**

We are settling into a new routine with an enlarged 4 church parish. It seems to be working well. We struggle some in the winter due to our uneven gravel parking lot. It doesn't take very much to make the surface hazardous especially for our elder members. Spring will be welcome!

- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Pierce UCC**
(Pierce, NE 68767)

Please return Pipe Organ Surveys by March 12th.

Survey Forms are available at the Church Office or from Ushers during Services.

Current Walk to Jerusalem Miles: 1093.70

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