



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, March 16th & Sunday, March 19th, 2023**  
**Fourth 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](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, MARCH 16TH & SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

PRELUDE

*Morning Has Broken*

ARR. SHACKLEY

*Be Thou My Vision*

ARR. SHACKLEY

Amanda Weeder, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION—SUMMER CAMPS

Max Porter

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

A Sanctified Art

One: Scripture is full of questions...

**All: Where are you?**

One: Am I my brother's keeper?

**All: Whom shall I send?**

One: Who do you say that I am?

**All: Who sinned?**

One: How many times shall I forgive?

**All: If God is for us, who can be against us?**

One: Scripture is full of questions, so just like those in our scriptures, may we bring our full curiosity and wonder into this space.

**All: Let us ask and seek after our merciful God.**

\* **OPENING HYMN # 280**

*Amazing Grace*

CALL TO CONFESSION

In today's text, the disciples ask Jesus, "Who sinned?" They want to know who around them could be blamed for suffering. The disciples want to identify who around them had done wrong. In the prayer of confession, we stop pointing fingers at others. In confession, we turn our attention toward ourselves and invite God into that honest and vulnerable space. So do this counter-cultural thing with me today. Let us pray together the prayer of confession.

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Who here has sinned?

**All: We have sinned. We put our heads in the sand. We ignored people in need. We make false assumptions and fail to be kind. We are in need of forgiveness.**

One: Have you sinned?

**All: I have sinned. I put my head in the sand. I ignore people in need. I make false assumptions and fail to be kind. I, too, am in need of forgiveness.**

One: Please take a moment to lift up your silent prayers.

One: Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.

**All: Thanks be to God for a love like that. 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 (SUN.)**

*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  
BELLS OF JOY

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

*Near the Cross*

Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  
SCRIPTURE READING

Alison Wagner, Liturgist

Gospel According to John 9 : 1 - 12

Pew Bible, NT, pages 102

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*Who Sinned?*

Brenda Sand

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in a merciful God,

**A God who does not keep score,**

**A God who wants good for us.**

We believe in a creative God,

**A God who would heal with mud,**

**A God capable of seeing what we cannot.**

We believe in a saving God,

**A God who heals,**

**A God who greets our questions with patience,**

**A God who send us out with hop in our step.**

What a wondrous love is this. Amen.

**\* RESPONSIVE SONG**

*We Come With Questions*

**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

*Aria for Handbells*

**\* 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

**O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN SING THE FAITH # 2140**

***Since Jesus Came into My Heart***

**\*BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ARR. RICE

Café LaFed will be hosted by Worship & Music Committee

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

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## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, March 19, 2023

- 8:45am SALT Adult Ed. Hour, EC 4-5
- 9:00am Education Hour, Education Center rooms
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15am Pipe Organ Task Force Meeting
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, March 20, 2023

- 4:00pm Finance & Property with Chrissy, AD4
- 5:00pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
- 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, FH

### Tuesday, March 21, 2023

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8
- 5:30pm Consonaires Group, A6, Choir Room
- 6:30pm Finance & Property Committee, EC8
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts #279 Den Meeting, FH

### Wednesday, March 22, 2023

- 9:00am OSA Committee Meeting, EC8
- 10:00am Staff Meeting, Church Office AD4
- 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 23, 2023

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, March 24, 2023

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

### Saturday, March 25, 2023

No events scheduled

### Sunday, March 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 Youth Sunday FUNday - Egging!
- 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 the family of Carolyn Lippert who passed away on March 12, 2023. Funeral services were Thursday, March 16th. Carolyn was previously a long-time member of Federated.
- ◆ We rejoice with the Kallweit family with the birth of Leo Robert on Feb. 26th to Jared & Megan Kallweit (grandparents Kevin & Denise and great-grandparents Leroy & Brenda)
- ◆ Pray for Michael Palik, brother of Annette Griffith, as he undergoes radiation treatment for tumors in his lungs.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Wahoo First**  
We are settling into a new routine with an enlarged four 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: Ralston UCC (Ralston, NE 68127)**

**Current Walk to Jerusalem Miles: 2493.69**

**(as of 03/17/2023)**

Thank you for filling in so many slots for the Rescue Mission meals! There are only 4 left--April, October, November, December. This is always the second Friday of the month.

The second all Women's work day for Habitat for Humanity is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23. Register by emailing [info@hfhcolumbusne.org](mailto:info@hfhcolumbusne.org)

We could use lots more peanut butter for the back pack program! We will collect peanut butter till the end of the month. Social Concerns and Missions Committee

The Federated designated day for Habitat for Humanity is Saturday, July 15th. We have been asked to bring food--rolls or cookies for a morning break, and sandwiches, hot dogs, etc., chips and something sweet for lunch. We also will provide water.

If anyplace you work or volunteer has new brochures (not outdated) please collect some and bring them to church for the rack in the library. Thank you! Social Concerns and Missions Committee



# we come with questions

## LOBE DEN HERREN ("Praise to the Lord, the Almighty")

Text: Anna Strickland (2022)

Music: Erneuerten Gesangbuch (1665); harm. W. Sterndale Bennett (19th cent.)

We come with  
Here is the  
God help us

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**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!

**Holy Week Schedule:**

- April 2 - Palm/Passion Sunday, Service 10am**
- April 6 - Maundy Thursday, Service 6:30pm**
- April 7 - Good Friday, Service @ Grace Episcopal, Noon**  
*Church office closes at Noon*
- April 9 - Easter Sunday, Service 10am, No Ed Hour**
- April 10 - Easter Monday, Church office closed**

**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**

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.

# Easter Flowers Order Form

<u>Flower &amp; Price</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Lily \$10.00		
Mum \$15.00		
Begonia \$20.00		



DONORS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TO GOD'S GLORY AND IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

TO GOD'S GLORY AND IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ORDER FLOWERS BY MARCH 25TH. EASTER FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO GOD'S GLORY, AND MAY ALSO BE DESIGNATED AS A MEMORIAL AND/OR GIVEN IN HONOR OF SPECIAL PERSONS. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO FEDERATED CHURCH. PLEASE NOTE 'EASTER FLOWERS' ON THE MEMO LINE.

