



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, March 23rd, & Sunday, March 26th, 2023
Fifth 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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			Mark Baumann, <i>Custodian</i>	
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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD & SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

PRELUDE

We All Must Die

J. S. BACH

The Old Rugged Cross

ARR. JOSEPH NIMOH

James Sharpe, Organ & Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

A Sanctified Art

One: Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?

All: Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?

One: Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?

All: Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?

One: If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God's house. Hope lives here.

All: So, come. Rest your weary bones.

One: Let us worship Holy God.

* **OPENING HYMN # 2158 (SING THE FAITH) *Just a Closer Walk with Thee***

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Friends, there is nothing that we have to keep hidden from God - not our anger, our grief, or the ways in which we have fallen short. In confession, we speak honestly and are met with grace. So let us not hold back. Let us bring our full selves to this prayer, knowing that God is already running to meet us. Let us pray:

All: Jesus of Nazareth, I confess: I forget that you know this feeling. I forget that you, too, have wept. I forget that you, too, have lost. I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb, have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity. Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you. Forgive me for all the times I create distance, imagining that you could never feel what I feel. Forgive me for allowing the valley of dry bones to be a sea of space between us. Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart. Bring these bones back to life. Bring me closer to you. With gratitude I pray, amen.

* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

* WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, you could spend your whole life ignoring God, pushing God away, or trying to solve the world's problems all on your own, and God would still love you all the same.

All: Even in our shortcomings, we are God's beloved.

One: So hear and believe this good news:

All: We are saved by grace through faith. We belong to God. We are not alone.

* **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.

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

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CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.)

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

BELLS OF JOY (THURS.)

Near the Cross

Recorded March 19, 2023

CHORAL ANTHEM (SUN.)

Think About His Love

ARR. McDONALD

Chancel Choir, Bob Arp, Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to John 11 : 1 - 6, 11 - 15, 20 - 27, 32 - 35, 43 - 44

Pew Bible, NT, pages 104 - 105

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 that God loves us -

God loves us enough to weep when we are gone.

We believe that God does not give up on us -

breathing new life into tired bones.

We believe that God returns to us -

always seeking us when we are lost.

We believe that God holds hope for us -

so we hold onto hope as well.

We believe, help our unbelief.

In Christ's name we pray, amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN (INSERT)**

Can These Bones Live?

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.)

Blessed Are Ye Faithful Souls

JOHANNES BRAHMS

*** 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

Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, flesh and bone in the body of Christ. As you have delivered us from death, use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN # 380**

O Christ, the Healer (verses 1, 2 & 5)

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Postlude in G Major

J. S. BACH

Café LaFed will be hosted by Order of St. Andrew

can these bones live?

LAUDA ANIMA ("Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven")

Text: Anna Strickland (2022)

Music: John Goss (1869)

When the past is dead and bu - ried
When our hearts are bowed in sor - row
When our spi - rits feel so bro - ken

Life - less in the bar - ren ground
And the grief is new - ly wrought
Wrapped in lin - ens and en - tombed
What good
Cry - ing
With - out

can e - merge from ash - es?
"If you'd on - ly been here"
hope and with - out feel - ing
Where can
Weep - ing
As the
an - y
for what
storm clouds

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

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life be
we have
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found?
lost
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Breathe in
Re - sur -
Hear the

deep the
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rush - ing
hearts and
life from

Spi - rit
spi - rits
Je - sus

Life is
Liv - ing
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grow - ing
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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!

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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are still looking to volunteers for Education Hour! Please contact Brenda at 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.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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 Ministry Committee, EC8
- 11:00am Youth Sunday FUNday - EGGING!
- 11:15am Organ Task Force Meeting
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, March 27, 2023

- 5:00pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
- 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

- 10:00am Staff Meeting, Church Office AD4
- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8
- 5:30pm Consonaires Group, Choir Room
- 7:00pm Governing Council Meeting, EC8
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts #279 Den Meeting, FH

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

- 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 30, 2023

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, March 31, 2023

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, April 1, 2023

No events scheduled

Sunday, April 2, 2023 - Palm/Passion Sunday

- 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

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 second all Women's work day for Habitat for Humanity is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23. Register by emailing info@hfhcolumbusne.org

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.

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ We would like to thank members of the congregation for the prayers, cards and concern shown to us at the time of our surgeries. It was greatly appreciated. Jesse & Marilyn Abrego.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Jimmy Goseland, cousin of Kevin & Lisa Perrin. Jimmy passed away earlier this week. His daughter, Breanna Goseland, had surgery on 3/19 due to pregnancy complications.

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Wakefield

We are exploring the joys and pitfalls of an enlarged parish. We are grateful for the faithfulness of our lay leaders who are teaching Sunday School and stepping forward into some new leadership positions. We could use some prayers as we explore some new ideas for worship and explore new opportunities for mission.

◆ UCC Living Waters Association: Scribner First Congregational UCC (Fremont, NE 68025)

Current Walk to Jerusalem Miles: 2915.84
(as of 03/23/2023)

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.

Pickle Ball nets are up in the gym and can be enjoyed by small groups . Monday - Friday, 8am - 4:30pm

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

Random Fandom (Arts & Music Small Group, admins Mimi Ernst and Nila Novotny) would like all to know that there are a few upcoming events:

"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown", a musical, will be performed at CCC April 13 - 16
Columbus Symphonic Strings will be having their Spring Concert at Federated, April 21 - 22

For more information or upcoming events, please contact Mimi or Nila.