



Palm/ Passion Sunday

FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, March 30th & Sunday, April 2, 2023
Palm/Passion Sunday

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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Jean Royer		Lori Rine		

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH, & SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND, 2023

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE

St. Anne Fugue (BWV 552-2)

J. S. BACH

James Sharpe, Organ & Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

A Sanctified Art

One: On Palm Sunday so many years ago, the people saw Jesus and asked,

All: Who is this?

One: So in worship, we respond. In worship, we declare:

All: Jesus is the alpha and omega.

One: Jesus is our teacher and preacher.

All: Jesus is a miracle worker and healer.

One: Jesus is our source of love.

All: Jesus is our path in the wilderness.

One: So may we lay down our hearts like they laid down their coats.

All: Let us worship God!

*** OPENING HYMN #88**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, on Sunday the city of Jerusalem cheered for you. They laid down coats and palms for you. They shouted "Hosanna!" and called you king. But on Friday they abandoned you. On Friday they yelled "Crucify him!" On Friday, you were in the wilderness alone. God, we want to be Palm Sunday Christians, but we know all too well that we also are the Good Friday crowd. So today we ask for forgiveness. Forgive us for the moments when we deny you and your message of love. Forgive us for preventing the spread of the gospel. Forgive us our sins.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Family of faith, there will be days when we withhold our praise. There will be days when we dare not follow. There will be days when we ignore God's call, when we choose comfort over courage, and ourselves over others. But even on those days, even on our worst days, we belong to God. Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

All: Nothing can separate us from God's love. We are loved, forgiven, and sent out to serve.

Hosanna! 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 #2108**

O How He Loves You and Me

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

CHILDREN'S BELLS

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Stuart Gausman, Director; Riley Gausman, Trumpet

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Katie Claus, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 21 : 1 - 11

Pew Bible, NT, pages 23

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

All: Thanks be to God!

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

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*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

One: We believe in a God who walks headfirst into the world's suffering, who lights a candle in the darkest night, who pulls back the curtain so we can see the stars.

All: We believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth, who is bold in seeking justice, and humble in taking power.

One: We believe in a God who sees our hurt and wraps love around it, cocooning us in hope, tethering us to one another.

All: We believe in a God who is always carrying us from the pain of the world into the hope of a new day.

One: That is where God is headed. That is where we follow. May it be so.

All: Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

The Pathway of a King

NYGARD

Bob Arp, Director; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist

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

*Jesus, Remember Me
Eat this Bread, Drink This Cup*

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

OFFERTORY

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

ARR. ANTHONY GIAMANCO

*** 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**

Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love made known to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Bless these gifts that they may bring life on earth as in heaven; in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

READING OF SCRIPTURE: PASSION OF CHRIST

Gospel According to Matthew 27 : 11 - 26

Pew Bible, NT, pages 32

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

All: Thanks be to God!

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

* CLOSING HYMN STF #2102

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

POSTLUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ARR. MARY McDONALD

Café LaFed will be hosted by the Youth Group

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Please pray for the family of Jody Slates, son-in-law to Marlyn Wurdeman and brother-in-law to Jackie & Steve Marker, who passed away on March 16, 2023. Services will be held at a later date.

◆ Please pray for the family of Jayne Gotschall, mother of Dr. Jeffrey & Tammi Gotschall. Jayne passed away on March 24, 2023. Services were held March 28th in Atkinson, NE.

◆ Please pray for the family of Bonnie Payne, sister-in-law to Donna Augspurger. Bonnie passed away on March 26, 2023. Services were held on March 29th in Lakeville, MN.

◆ Please pray for the family of David Bennett, grandson of Pete & Carol Bennett. David died on March 28, 2023. Services will be held at St. Isidore's on Saturday, April 1.

◆ 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.

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Wayne

Last fall the Wayne FPC Session approved a new worship format which we call CoffeeHouse. CoffeeHouse is an informal worship service held on the third Sunday of the month. We meet in Fellowship Hall rather than the sanctuary. A member of the congregation leads a time of discussion on a topic/scripture they have selected instead of a traditional sermon. The pastor creates the service liturgy based on the discussion leader's choices. The liturgy is shortened to allow about 25 minutes for discussion. Worshippers are seated at tables of four or five people which leads to rich conversation about the "questions of the day" brought out by the discussion leader. Over the last several months, we've discussed miracles, prayer, what being a neighbor means and requires of us and names for God. FPC members enjoy getting to know one another on a deeper level as well as the coffee and

treats available before, during and after worship. We pray that this informal format might encourage visitors to join us. We are also grateful to have our Sunday School restarted and a core group of volunteer teachers. We pray that we might welcome more children and families during 2023.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Stanton New England Congregational UCC (Stanton, NE 68779)**

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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
11:00am Youth Sunday FUNday - EGGING!

Monday, April 3, 2023

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

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

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

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

10:00am Staff Meeting, Church Office AD4
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 6, 2023

12:30pm The 70's Group, EC8
6:00pm Petah La Shouro Roundtable Meeting, FH
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary
7:30pm Order of the Arrow, EC8

Friday, April 7, 2023 - Good Friday

12:00pm Church Office closes for remainder of day

Saturday, April 8, 2023

8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, FH

Sunday, April 9, 2023 - Easter Sunday

8:45am SALT Adult Ed. Hour, EC 4-5
9:00am Education Hour, Education Center rooms
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, April 10, 2023 - Easter Monday
Church office closed

Current Walk to Jerusalem Miles: 3959.14
(as of 03/31/2023)