



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, April 27 & Sunday, April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter; Children's 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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			Mark Baumann, <i>Custodian</i>	
			Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i> Andree & Terry Hoeman, <i>Co-Historians</i>	

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH & SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE

Arabeske (Op 18)

ROBERT SCHUMANN

James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Presbyterian Outlook

One: Our Good Shepherd calls.

All: He knows us each by our name.

One: Our Good Shepherd leads.

All: We are here to listen and to follow.

One: Our Good Shepherd protects and provides.

All: We give thanks and praise for our Good Shepherd.

* OPENING HYMN # 119

The Strife Is O'er

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us confess all that distracts and distorts God's truth, so we can know grace and forgiveness through Christ.

All: Savior God, you beckon us, but we do not heed your call. You gather us, but we wander away losing ourselves in false and superficial comforts. You speak truth, but we fail to hear and respond. Good Shepherd, do not give up on us. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ.

* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Even when we walk through the darkest valley, God is with us.

All: God does not abandon us.

One: Know that you are forgiven and receive Christ's peace.

All: Alleluia. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (You are welcome to share a handshake, fist bump or peace sign)

One: As children of God, we are no longer strangers, but friends. The peace of Christ 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 "A Readers Theatre Presentation - Psalm 23 by Chuck Neighbors"

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

"A Readers Theatre Presentation - Psalm 23 by Chuck Neighbors"

BELLS OF JOY APPRECIATION

Members: Doris Augspurger, Kristen Gausman, Marcia Grant, Sue Mares, Nila Novotny, Marilyn Petersen, Ashli Porter, Hailey Rathje, Beth Sharpe, Lisa Weber, Jenny Young.

BELLS OF JOY

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

ARR. STEPHENSON

Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Confirmands, Liturgists

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

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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

Pew Bible, OT, page 501

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "I Believe I Need a Shepherd" by Bruce Prewer**

I believe I need a shepherd.

Because I am sometimes timid and other times overconfident,

because I often don't know the best path yet pretend I do,

because I rush into dead ends or lead others into hazardous places,

because my brightest ideas are seamed with darkness,

because the things I crave may not be what is good for me, I need a shepherd.

I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd;

his wisdom leads me to the best opportunities,

his word comforts me when I'm anxious or afraid,

his arm steadies me when I feel weary and heavy-laden,

his wounded body displays the cost of my rescue,.

I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd.

I believe that I do not find him but he finds me,

that I under his care by virtue of sheer grace,

the love he gives me is to be shared with others,

that he treasures my name and prepares a place for me,

that his fold transfixes earth and heaven.

I trust Jesus, the good shepherd. Amen.

***RESPONSIVE HYMN # 175**

The Lord's My Shepherd, All My Need

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

Shout to the Lord

ARR. SHERMAN

*** 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**

Risen and redeeming God, you have given us more than we could ever give you in return. You meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as tokens of our gratitude and bless Christ's ministry with these offerings. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Good Shepherd, We Are Not Alone

(see insert for words and music)

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Old One Hundred

JOHANN PACHELBEL

Café LaFed - Fifth Sunday Potluck

Good Shepherd, We Are Not Alone

1. Good Shep-herd, we are not a-lone, for you pro-
 2. An-oth-er shep-herd might turn back and flee at
 3. A thief may well de-stroy and steal, but you, Good
 4. You gath-er sheep from far and wide, from folds we

tect and love your own. And we, re-pond-ing,
 dan-ger's first at-tack; but you laid down your
 Shep-herd, save and heal. You lead your sheep to
 know and from out-side. One flock, one Shep-herd,

know your voice; we hear you call-ing and re-joice.
 ver-y life, a lov-ing shep-herd's sac-ri-fice.
 pas-ture land, to life a-bun-dant, by your hand.
 there will be, a lov-ing, blest com-mu-ni-ty.

WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2012 (John 10)
 MUSIC: H. Percy Smith, 1874

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JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for Chrissy Ford who had a hysterectomy on April 20th. She would like to thank everyone for the well wishes before and after the surgery.
- ◆ Pray for Linda McPhail who has a recurrence of lesion of cancer in cerebellum and started treatment last week.
- ◆ We would like to thank our Federated family for all the prayers, cards, visits and calls made during the recent death of our precious grandson David. The outpouring of care and support from the Columbus community has been unbelievable and we cannot express our appreciation enough. Carol and Pete Bennett
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Alexandria**
 The Alexandria Presbyterian Church is grateful for our Sunday School children and their enthusiasm. We are thankful for our active Presbyterian Women and the service projects they lead us in. We pray that God might continue to bless us and help us to continue to serve Him together throughout the seasons of the year.
- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Yutan St. Peters UCC (Yutan, NE 68073)**

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, April 30, 2023—Children's Sunday

- 8:45am SALT Adult Ed. Hour, EC 4-5
- 9:00am Education Hour, various rooms
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Fifth Sunday Potluck, FH

Monday, May 1, 2023

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8
- 5:00pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
- 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

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

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

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

Thursday, May 4, 2023

- 12:30pm The 70's Group, EC8
- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Order of the Arrow, EC8

Friday, May 5, 2023

- 5:00pm Private Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, May 6, 2023

- 8:45am Private Wedding

Sunday, May 7, 2023

- 8:45am SALT Adult Ed. Hour, EC 4-5
- 9:00am Education Hour, various rooms
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Youth - Parent Mission Meeting