



# FEDERATED CHURCH

*Sunday, January 14, 2024 (Live Stream)  
Second Sunday after Epiphany (Year B)*

**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.**

Governing Council - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
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Laura Porter	Lori Rine	Jesse Abrego		
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Bill Royer, Head Usher				

**Welcome to Worship at Federated!**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024 (LIVE STREAM)

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (YEAR B)

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

PRELUDE

*Nocturne op 62, no 1*

FREDERIC CHOPIN

James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

UCC Worship Ways

One: We praise you, O God, for you are our God, and we are your people.

**All: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!**

One: Search us and know us, Creator, remove us from shadows into your presence.

**All: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!**

One: Place your hand upon us, Gracious One, as we worship you and minister in your name.

**All: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!**

**OPENING HYMN**

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

*Playback Media*

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

Holy God, your Word reminds us that **“All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be dominated by anything.”** You have created us in your holy and divine image. We pray to reflect your goodness in the world. We confess that we have engaged in actions and attitudes contrary to your kingdom, and we ask for wisdom, guidance, and fortitude to be the people you have called us to be.

**MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**WORDS OF GRACE**

One: Beloved creation of God, the Holy One knows you fully, completely, and affirmatively from the secret places of your innermost parts. Receive the knowing as a gift of assurance that God’s grace is sufficient for new life.

**All: God will abide with us as we strive to follow the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you, a peace the world cannot give.” The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: Also with you.**

One: Let us share Christ’s peace with one another.

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*Here I Am, Lord*

Chancel Choir, recorded Sunday, September 15, 2019

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Anjel Garcia, Liturgist (Sun.)

**SCRIPTURE READING**

First Samuel 3 : 1 - 10

Pew Bible, OT, page 247

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Seeing Glory by John van de Laar**

We seem to have lost the ability to see glory, God; We look at money, or medals, last-person-standing triumphs, and exclusive, only-for-the-privileged-few accolades, and we call these glorious, forgetting how they tarnish after just a few moments.

**We have forgotten how to recognize the glory that lives in the sacrifices of a mother for whom feeding a child takes monumental effort each day;**

in the compassion of a stranger who gives his time and talent to care for sick and dying souls;

**in the humility of a well-qualified professional who uses her connections and skill to ensure the success of small projects that bring life to the least;**

in the courage of a peace-maker who stands empty-handed against tanks and bombs, or who chooses to serve and love an enemy;

**Open our eyes to the glory all around us, the glory of crosses and opened graves in hopeless situations;**

the glory of your presence and creativity in dark and ugly and fearful places;

**And teach us to be both heralds and couriers of this glory, so that it may be seen to cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE HYMN**

*Goodness of God (Playback Media),  
with Intro Video (Hyper Pixels Media)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed by they name. Thy kingdom come, they 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 OF GENEROSITY****DOXOLOGY****UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

**Generous God, cultivate and nurture gratitude and trust in us. May our gifts be used for the benefit of the kingdom and all creation in your name. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)  
Playback Media*

**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

*Sonata 8, ops 13*

LUDWIG VON BEETHOVEN

## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Jason Kallweit turns 50 on 01/17/2024. Card Shower 50 cards for 50 years. Call the Church office for Jason's address.
- ◆ Pray for Rod Behlen as he begins radiation and chemotherapy treatments for cancer.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Joyce Perrin, mother of Kevin & Lisa Perrin. Joyce passed away on January 10th. Services will be held at Kracl Funeral Chapel: visitation on Tuesday, January 16th, 4:00-7:00pm and funeral on Wednesday, January 17th, 11:00am.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Thurston John Huss**  
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Thurston congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.
- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Hartington First Congregational UCC** (Hartington, NE 68739)

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, January 14, 2024

- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, January 15, 2024

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
- 4:00pm Special Olympics Basketball Practice, Gym
- 4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers, Gym
- 4:00pm OSA Meeting

### Tuesday, January 16, 2024

- 6:30pm Finance & Property Committee
- 7:00pm Personnel Committee

### Wednesday, January 17, 2024

- 10:00am Staff Meeting, AD2
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
- 6:30pm Bells of Joy Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Thursday, January 18, 2024

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, January 19, 2024

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

### Saturday, January 20, 2024

- 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, FH

### Sunday, January 21, 2024

- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Nairobi Operation Education Fundraiser
- 11:00am Book Sale begins
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

The **Social Concerns and Mission Committee** is asking for donations of peanut butter for the months of **January, February, and March**. A box is located in the northwest entryway off the Narthex. Thank you

RESCUE MISSION MEALS for 2024 The Rescue Mission would like to have meat, potatoes or bread, and a vegetable. Dessert is fine, but not necessary. The Rescue Mission is now located at the former Mory's Haven, 1112 15th St.  
Meals are served at 5:30 for women and 6:00 for men. Plan for 20-25 people, and since this is a large number, it is best if two or three folks go together. Some meal suggestions are: pizza, tacos, lasagna, pulled pork or other sandwiches, chicken or beef casseroles, sloppy joes, soup, etc. If you would like to provide dessert, ice cream is always good as well as brownies, cookies, cake, etc..  
Thanks for being part of this important ministry.  
Social Concerns and Mission Committee

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Jan. 20 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- Jan. 21 - Per Capita Sunday, Operation Education Nairobi Fundraiser
- Jan. 28- Ordination and Installation of new elders & deacons

Book Sale Begins  
Please bring in books you would like to donate to the 2024 Book Sale at Federated Church.  
Tables are set up in the Narthex. Thank you.

**4th Quarter Contribution Statements**  
**Please stop by the office and pick up your end of year contribution statement.**  
**They will also be available in the Narthex after each worship service. Thank you.**