



FEDERATED CHURCH

*Thursday, January 18 & Sunday, January 21, 2024
Third 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 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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Peg Meyer	Kathy Leischner	Tammi Gotschall		
Sharon Kuncel	Barb Olson	Steve McClure		
Laura Porter	Lori Rine	Jesse Abrego		
Andree & Terry Hoeman, <i>Co-Historians</i>				
Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i>				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 & SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (YEAR B); PER CAPITA SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE

Canon in D Major
Sarabande (Water Music Suite)
James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

JOHANN PACHELBEL
GEORGE F. HANDEL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

PC(USA) Website

One: We gather as those who stood on the shore,

All: Christ calls us by name.

One: engrossed in our responsibilities, our work, our obligations.

All: Christ calls us by name.

One: We hear, "Follow me!"

All: Christ calls us by name.

One: In all times and places, we are known and gathered as disciples, because...

All: Christ calls us by name.

*** OPENING HYMN #391**

Take My Life (verses 1, 2 & 6)

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gathering God, we confess that it is easier to focus on the daily tasks in front of us, the mending and unknitting of nets, rather than answering the call to be your kingdom. We too often cling to what we know and choose to stay on familiar shores. We ignore your voice as you continually call out, inviting us into something new. Help us overcome our fears of what may be lost or left behind. Help us to join our gifts, our resources, and the whole of who we are in service to you as a community of your followers.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: After calling the first disciples from the shore, Jesus went throughout Galilee proclaiming the good news of the kingdom: that in him you are forgiven and freed to answer God's call!

All: Thanks be to God!

*** 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.

*** SING THE FAITH # 2056**

God is So Good (verses 1 - 3)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

BELLS OF JOY

Celebration and Grace
Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

MICHAEL MAZZATENTA

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

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SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Mark 1 : 14 - 20

Pew Bible, NT, page 35

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Brenda Sand

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

One: We believe in a God whose sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds.

All: We believe that this love manifests in the Holy Spirit, as it creates and renews communities of faith so that we may together seek peace.

One: We affirm that through the reconciling work of Jesus Christ, we are moved to new life.

All: This new life takes shape in a community in which all know that God loves and accepts them.

One: We give thanks that each member of the church is endowed by the Spirit with gifts for ministry and both is strengthened by and strengthens the church.

All: We believe that wherever the church exists, we are gathered for the sake of God's work in the world, work which is already present and stirring hope.

One: From an urgency born of this hope, we are charged to be a church that applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world.

All: We believe in God, source of unfathomable love; Jesus, the realization of true humanity; and the Holy Spirit, who moves through the ages and calls us to live as one.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN #377**

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (verses 1, 2 4)

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

OFFERTORY

Holy is the Lord

ARR. KEVIN MCCHESENEY

*** 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***

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION**

Merciful God, you have saved us for a purpose.

We dedicate these gifts as we dedicate our lives to you, that you will make us fishers of people.

*** CLOSING HYMN #369**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Gladness

J. S. BACH

Café LaFed is hosted by the Chancel Choir

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Congratulations to Mitchell & Breanna Griffith, who welcomed daughter, Makenna Lea, born January 13, 2024. Grandparents are Annette & Bob Griffith.

◆ 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 were held at the Kracl Funeral Chapel on January 17th.

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Wahoo Czech

The Czech Presbyterian Church asks for prayers that our church will continue to have the support of our congregation as we face maintenance and financial issues and also for help with our weekly services as time goes on. We're thankful for the service Vicar Gary Grivalds has given to our church and wish him all the best as he prepares for his future.

◆ UCC Living Waters Association: Neligh First Congregational UCC (Neligh, NE 68756)

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, January 21, 2024

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00am Youth Ministry & Christian Ed Joint Committee Meeting

11:00am Nairobi Operation Education Fundraiser

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, January 22, 2024

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2

4:00pm Special Olympics Basketball Practice, Gym

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers, Gym

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

7:00pm Governing Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 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 25, 2024

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, January 26, 2024

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, January 27, 2024

No events scheduled

Sunday, January 28, 2024

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

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. 21 - Per Capita Sunday, Operation Education Nairobi Fundraiser

Jan. 28- Ordination and Installation of new elders & deacons

Jan. 28. - Book Sale begins, Narthex

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.