



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, February 1 & Sunday, February 4, 2024
Fifth 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	
Alison Wagner, <i>President</i> Georgia Behlen, <i>Vice President</i> Barb Sanderson, <i>Secretary</i>			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. <i>Pastor/Head of Staff</i> edward@federatedcolumbus.org	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia <i>El Buen Pastor Fellowship</i>
<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>	Brenda Sand <i>Christian Education Director</i> brenda@federatedcolumbus.org	James Sharpe <i>Organist</i>
Donna Augspurger	Pat Anderson	Chris Dixon	Chrissy Ford <i>Office Administrator</i> cford@federatedcolumbus.org	Lee Augustin <i>Organist</i>
John McPhail	John Lohr	Nila Novotny	Kathy Zywiec <i>Office Assistant; Social Media Coord.</i> kathy@federatedcolumbus.org	Stuart Gausman <i>Bell Choir Director</i>
Mark Weeder	Brenda Sand	Max Porter	Mark Baumann <i>Custodian</i>	Reagan Gausman <i>Vocal Choir Director</i>
Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons			Beatriz Garcia Lopez <i>Nursery Attendant</i>	Amanda Weeder <i>Accompanist</i>
Peg Meyer	Kathy Leischner	Tammi Gotschall		
Sharon Kuncel	Barb Olson	Steve McClure		
Laura Porter	Lori Rine	Jesse Abrego		
Andree & Terry Hoeman, Co-Historians				
Bill Royer, Head Usher				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (YEAR B)

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

PRELUDE

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

ARR. GREER

Little Prelude in G Minor

TAYLOR

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ARR. HAYES

Lee Augustin, Piano & Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

UCC Worship Ways

One: Good people of the church, lift up your eyes and see.

All: Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God greets us here.

One: Good servants of the Most High, open your ears to hear.

All: Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God meets us here.

One: Good children of the light, open your hearts and know what it means to delight in God.

All: For we have seen, heard and known from the beginning to the end, Our God... is.

*** OPENING HYMN #263**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (verses 1, 3 & 4)

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: What do we hold and treasure most?

All: Is it the promises of God?

One: What captivates our attention?

All: Is it the grace of God?

One: God of mercy and grace: We are vulnerable people who sometimes ignore the vulnerable. We are broken people who don't always pay attention to the world's brokenness.

All: Heal us, O God, to make us better healers.

Mend our rifts, that we might be better builders.

Cleanse our hearts, so we can clear out the damage of hurt and oppression.

We are yours, loving God. Help us to live and to know this better.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Have you known? Have you heard? Our God lifts us up on eagle's wings.

Strengthening us so that we won't be weary. The burden of sin is but a far and distant memory.

For, through Christ, our sins – all of them – are forgiven.

All: God is great in strength, mighty in power, and full of endless love for us all.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, a peace the world cannot give."

Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

*** SING THE FAITH # 2168 (SUN.)**

Love the Lord Your God

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.)

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC (THURS.)

Alleluia, Alleluia

Recorded Sunday, January 28, 2024

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

One License #711910-A

CCLI License #1160936 & 20180420

SPECIAL MUSIC (SUN.)

Megan Johnson, Violinist; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Alison Wagner, Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Mark 1 : 29 - 39

Pew Bible, NT, page 35

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "Prayer of St. Francis"**

"Lord, make [us] an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love,

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that [we] may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life." Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN #394**

There Is a Balm in Gilead (verses 1, 2)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who are in heaven, allowed 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 ongoing conversations about faith. After partaking, please place cups in the pew holder.)

*** UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We have been fed, Holy One, by your presence.

We have been led, Eternal One, by your light.

May we bask in this glow now and forevermore. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*** 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*

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

One License #711910-A

CCLI License #1160936 & 20180420

*** UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of all that is, all we have, all we are – we give. We give these gifts as we reach across the thresholds of our concerns. We give these gifts, knowing that they will give so much more, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN #404**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Precious Lord, Lead Me Home

ARR. HAYES

Café LaFed is hosted by the Foundation Board of Directors

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Congratulations to Cletus Arasmith, he is retiring from the National Guard after 25 years of service.
- ◆ Pray for Daryl Smith who is scheduled to have hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, February 6th.
- ◆ Pray for Ben Vrana who is being treated for an infection and has been placed on hospice care.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Paul Mohr, Jr., brother of Michael Mohr. Paul passed away on January 17th. Michael's 6.5 year old terrier, Annie, also passed away that week.
- ◆ Pray for Rosie Heinisch, she is starting chemotherapy for her leukemia.
- ◆ Pray for Rod Behlen as he receives radiation and chemotherapy treatments for cancer.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery:** Wakefield Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Wakefield 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: Norfolk First Congregational UCC** (Norfolk, NE 68701)

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 for your contributions to this program.

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. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Thanks for being part of this important ministry. Social Concerns and Mission Committee

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, February 4, 2024

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

Monday, February 5, 2024

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
4:00pm Special Olympics Basketball Practice, Gym
4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers, Gym
4:00pm Order of St. Andrew Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

1:30pm Cries of the Spirit, Library
6:30pm Christian Education Committee
7:15pm Worship & Music Committee

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

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

Thursday, February 8, 2024

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, February 9, 2024

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, February 10, 2024

8:00am Mt. Crescent Ski/Snowboard Trip
8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, February 11, 2024

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15am Youth Ministry Committee
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb. 10th - Mt. Crescent Ski / Snowboard Trip;
Men's Fellowship
Feb. 11 - Souper Bowl of Caring
Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday, Methodist Church 7 pm
Feb. 18 - First Sunday of Lent
Feb. 25 - Annual Congregational Meeting