



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, February 8, & Sunday, February 11, 2024
Transfiguration 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.

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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE

Prélude et Variations
James Sharpe, Organ & Piano

CÉSAR FRANCK

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Presbyterian Outlook

One: God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

All: Every time we encounter beauty, God's perfection shines forth, calling to us.

One: God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.

All: The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is the creator, the redeemer and the judge.

One: Let us worship God.

*** OPENING HYMN #423**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (verses 1, 3 & 5)

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: God is vaster than the night sky, brighter than the sun, and wilder than a tornado. Yet, God loves us enough to come to us in ways that we see and understand, including Jesus Christ. Let us open our hearts to God, confessing the ways that we have fallen short of God's call to love our neighbor and love the Lord.

All: Almighty God, when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. We are selfish, God. We push aside your command to love in order to seek comfort. Heavenly parent, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: "Stand up, take your mat and walk." Jesus says to the crippled man he has healed.

All: We, too, are healed.

One: Transformed by Christ's redemption, let us get up and walk together.

All: Thanks be to God!

*** 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.

*** HYMN # 304**

Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

CHORAL ANTHEM

My Lord, What a Morning

ARR. RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM

Chancel Choir, Reagan Gausman, Director; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brenda Sand, Liturgist

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

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SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Mark 9 : 2 - 9

Pew Bible, NT, page 44

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

* Affirmation of Faith - "O Lord, As You Were on Your Way" by Carolyn W. Gillette

O Lord, as you were on your way to where you'd one day die,

You wanted time to rest and pray, to hear God's word to you that day.

You climbed a mountain high with three good friends close by.

So soon, the three became aware of such a wondrous sight.

Your face shone bright beyond compare, just like a glimpse of heaven there!

Your clothes were dazzling white; your glory came to light.

The Law, the Prophets guided you as you discerned God's will.

With Moses and Elijah, too, you spoke of God's great plan for you,

God's promise to fulfill one Friday on a hill.

Why could you not remain with them and there in glory stay?

God said, "This is my own dear Son! Now listen to him, everyone!"

And so you turned to say you'd go the harder way.

O Lord, how often we pursue success at any cost,

And yet we hear God's word anew, that we are called to follow you,

Who served the poor and lost and journeyed to the cross.

Amen.

* RESPONSIVE HYMN #462

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

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*

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty, on the mountain top, you instructed Peter, James and John: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" We are listening, God, and we hear your call to make the world a better place alongside your Holy Spirit. We offer you these gifts and our hearts alongside them. May they be blessed to do your bidding. Amen.

* SING THE FAITH #2173

Shine, Jesus, Shine

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

RICHARD HILLERT

Café LaFed is hosted by the Nominating Committee

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Congratulations to Michael & Taylor Irby, who welcomed son Mack, born January 24, 2024.
 - ◆ Congratulations to Cletus Arasmith, he is retiring from the National Guard after 25 years of service.
 - ◆ Congratulations to Ryland Prokopec who was a member of the CHS Bowling Team that won the Class A State Championship! Proud parent are Aaron & Carrie Prokopec and proud grandparents are Doug & Randi Williams.
 - ◆ Pray for Jeannie Kiser-Jensen, as she prepares for surgery (ileostomy reversal) on February 13th .
 - ◆ Pray for the family of Frank Thompson, husband of Sherry Thompson. Frank passed away on February 5th. Services will be held this spring.
 - ◆ Pray for Ben Vrana who is recovering from an infection and placed on hospice care.
 - ◆ Pray for Rosie Heinisch, she is having chemotherapy treatment for her leukemia.
 - ◆ Pray for Rod Behlen as he receives radiation and chemotherapy treatments for cancer.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery:** Wayne January was a busy month at FPC in Wayne, like many congregations we had installation of new officers. Pastor Bartlett is thankful for those who said yes to serving as Elders and Deacons sharing their energy, imagination and love as we move forward as a congregation. At our annual congregational meeting we reviewed the year past. At their January meeting the Session looked back at 2023 and forward to the year ahead, making plans for the life of the congregation. During Advent each family of the congregation received the devotional book, "A Surprising God," by Thomas G. Long and Donyelle C. McCray. Pastor Bartlett will be using several of the devotions in the book as the basis for worship and sermons beginning on January 14th with the devotion entitled "God Sees the Effort" written by Donyelle C. McCray. In February we will resume our CoffeeHouse format worship services on the third Sunday of each month. This conversational style worship is led by members of the congregation and Pastor Teresa. The CoffeeHouse format allows us to engage with the Scriptures and one another as we learn together, a side benefit are the tasty treats and coffee shared during the service held in our Fellowship Hall. We look forward to all opportunities and potential 2024 holds for FPC.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Omaha Countryside Community Church UCC** (Omaha, NE 68114)

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, February 11, 2024

- 8:45am SALT (Adult Education), Fellowship Hall
- 9:00am Education Hour, Various Rooms
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15am Youth Ministry Committee
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, February 12, 2024

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
- 4:00pm Special Olympics Basketball Practice, Gym
- 4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers, Gym
- 5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee
- 7:00pm Membership & Growth Committee

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

No events Scheduled

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

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

Thursday, February 15, 2024

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, February 16, 2024

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, February 17, 2024

No events scheduled

Sunday, February 18, 2024

- 8:45am SALT (Adult Education), Fellowship Hall
- 9:00am Education Hour, Various Rooms
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday, Methodist Church 7 pm
- Feb. 18 - First Sunday of Lent
- Feb. 24 - Mt. Crescent Ski / Snowboard Trip
- Feb. 25 - Annual Congregational Meeting
- March 10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

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