



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, February 15 & Sunday, February 18, 2024
First Sunday in Lent

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 15 & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

PRELUDE

Adagio in E-Flat Major (K570)

W. A. MOZART

I Cry to Thee (BWV 639)

J. S. BACH

James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

A Sanctified Art

One: Come in. Feel your feet on the floor. Settle your worries.

Take a deep breath. Dust the cobwebs from your ears. Relax the tension in your jaw,

All: for Christ is here. God never stops seeking us.

One: We have been found.

All: Let us find God in return.

One: Let us worship the God of deep waters. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN #356**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: In our scripture passage for today, we will read about Jesus calling Peter to be a disciple. In the story, Peter is in the presence of the Divine for quite some time before he realizes it. Jesus crawls into Peter's boat. He tells him to head toward deep water. Together, they let the nets down. And it is only when the boat threatens to sink, due to the extreme abundance of fish, that Peter turns to Jesus and truly sees who's in his boat. Sometimes we miss what's right in front of us.

Fortunately, Christ keeps crawling into our boats anyhow. So join me in the prayer of confession, not out of fear, but out of a desire to finally see who's right in front of us. Let us pray:

All: Loving God, You call us by name. You join us in the deep waters of life. You invite us to drop our nets and follow you, and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter. Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised to find you in our midst. Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own. Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves. Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat. Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you, for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, Peter didn't exactly make a good first impression when Jesus got into his boat. He questioned dropping his nets, as they hadn't caught any fish all night. He was oblivious to who Christ was for quite some time, and once he realized the Divinity standing in his boat, he quickly deemed himself unworthy. And even still, Jesus called Peter a disciple and a friend. Church family, hear and believe this good news: You can make a thousand bad impressions. You can make every mistake in the book, roll your eyes, and assume you know better. And even still, Christ will forgive you, claim you, and continue to seek your heart. That is the good news of the gospel. Rest, celebrate, and trust in that. Amen.

*** 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.

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

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*** SING THE FAITH # 304**

Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

BELLS OF JOY

Near the Cross with Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

DOANE & WILSON, ARR. DOBRINSKI

Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bob Arp, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 25 : 1 - 10

Pew Bible, OT, page 502

Gospel According to Luke 5 : 1 - 11

Pew Bible, NT, page 62

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

One: I believe in a God of abundance -

**All: a God who sees possibilities where I cannot,
and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope.**

One: I believe in a God who comforts -

All: a God who says, "Do not be afraid;" a God who joins me in life's deep waters.

One: I believe in a God who invites -

All: a God who says, "Follow me," and, "You will be fishers of people."

One: I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently -

All: a God of second chances and boundless mercy; a God who calls us by name.

We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN**

You Sought Me (see insert for words and music)

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

OFFERTORY

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

HASSLER, ARR. KINYON

*** DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

*** UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of compassion, we praise you that you look upon our frail lives with love and understanding, and that you desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ. We are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life. By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and bold in Christ's service. Take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

*** CLOSING SONG STF #2130**

The Summons (verses 1, 4 & 5)

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Christ Lay In Death's Bonds (BWV 625)

J. S. BACH

Café LaFed is hosted by the Personnel Committee

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

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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 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 Kelli Scheffler as she recovers from hip replacement surgery she had on February 5th.
- ◆ Pray for Jeannie Kiser-Jensen, as she recovers from 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.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery:** Wymore
We continue to maintain our yoke with Steele City, including joint services and activities. We enjoy opportunities of outreach in our local community. Pray that we rise to the task of loving our neighbors and offering the hand of Christ.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Omaha First Central Congregational UCC** (Omaha, NE 68131)

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Monday, February 19, 2024

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

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

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

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

- 12:00pm Lenten Lunch, First UMC
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
- 6:30pm Bells of Joy Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 22, 2024

- 12:30pm All Staff Lunch Meeting, church office
- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, February 23, 2024

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, February 24, 2024

No events scheduled

Sunday, February 25, 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

Operation Education Nairobi

Julie Graham and Katie Claus would like to thank you for the results of our last fundraiser, "Roll into January" on January 21. We were OVERWHELMED at the generosity of the congregation--\$888.00! This money will provide scholarships for one student for one year, and will go a long way toward another scholarship. We want to especially thank Sunnie Yang for contributing many meals of Orange Chicken and Ham and Potato soup--we appreciated it so much! Also thanks to members of Federated who are sponsoring students. We are grateful. It means so much for these students to be able to get an education. If anyone would like to find out how to become a sponsor, see Julie or Katie.
Again, a HUGE thank you!

Social Concerns and Missions Committee is collecting peanut butter for the months of Jan., Feb. and March. This peanut butter goes to the Methodist back pack program. Place in the box by the north entrance to the Narthex.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb. 18 - First Sunday of Lent
- Feb. 24 - Youth Funday
- Feb. 25 - Annual Congregational Meeting
- March 10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

Rescue Mission Meals

Federated Church delivers meals to the Rescue Mission the second Friday of each month. The new Rescue Mission is located in the old Mory's Haven, on 15th Street and 12th Avenue. There are no steps there. Meals should consist of a main dish, a salad or vegetable and bread or rolls. Desert is not necessary but always appreciated. Suggestions include tacos, soup, sloppy joes, casseroles, spaghetti, lasagna, pizza, burritos, enchiladas, or whatever you'd like to take. Because you need to plan for 25 people, it is a good idea to pair up with someone. The meal should be there by 5:00 p.m. There are several openings for this year. Please be a part of this important ministry and sign up in the Narthex!
Social Concerns and Missions Committee

You Sought Me

ERHALT UNS, HERR 8.8.8.8

Words by Anna Strickland, 2023

Music by Joseph Klug, 1543



My ___ bones and ___ head were bent down low
A ___ chance en - count - ter ___ by the lake
I ___ tried to ___ tell you, "Leave me be—
When I be - gin to ___ doubt my worth



When you ap - proached me on your own
I thought this must be some mis - take
I'm not sure what you see in me."
Re - mind me I was formed from earth



You sought me ___ out ___ and called my name
That some - one ___ wrapped in hol - i - ness
And yet you ___ chose my net ___ to fill
The ve - ry ___ good cre - a - tion of



My life would nev - er be the same
Would wil - ling - ly em - brace this mess
With all my faults you call me still
My God who seeks me out in love

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YEARS



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February 14-March 31, 2024

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

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 - + Online at pcusa.org/give-oghs
 - + Text OGHS to 91999 to give
- or-



You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

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REPAIRING THE BREACH

— ISAIAH 58

PROVIDING RELIEF FROM NATURAL DISASTERS,
FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY, AND SUPPORT
FOR THE POOR AND OPPRESSED.



You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world.

Matthew 5:14-15 (The Message)

"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine..."

If Jesus had a playlist of music, surely this familiar hymn would be among the Top Five.

Jesus teaches that faith calls for action. Sharing our light, as the diverse and colorful expression of God's love here on earth, leads to making blankets, staffing food pantries, cooking meals, building houses and schools, signing petitions for worthy causes, and protesting injustices. A simple song with a simple message—our light is on a light stand, for all to see—shine and share. On any given day, light is shining because we are there through our gifts to OGHS.

Your contributions make a difference. Your dollars count. Give generously.

Share the light.

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