



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, February 22 & Sunday, February 25, 2024
Second Sunday in Lent; Annual Congregational Meeting

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 22 & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT; ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

PRELUDE

Prelude in A Major (BWV 536)

J.S. BACH

The Old Rugged Cross

ARR. JOSEPH NIMOTH

James Sharpe, Organ & Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

A Sanctified Art

One: God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

All: the courageous and the fearful,

One: the hungry and the hopeful,

All: the impatient and the reserved.

One: God welcomes the young and the old,

All: the poets and the prophets,

One: the faithful and the tired,

All: the curious and the convicted.

One: Wherever you are on your journey, wherever your boat is at sea,

All: there is room for all to gather here.

One: This is God's house.

All: Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.

*** OPENING HYMN #562**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: In our scripture passage for today, Peter is out on a boat with the disciples when a storm hits. Instead of cowering in fear, Peter spots Jesus on the water and bravely crawls out of the boat to move closer to Christ. Friends, I think the prayer of confession is one way that we do the same; it's one way that we can crawl out of our boats. And here's what I mean: In the prayer of confession, we are honest about the storms that rage within and around us. In this prayer, we speak with honesty in an effort to move closer to God. This is our moment to crawl out of the boat. So friends, let's be like Peter. Join me in being courageous. Join me in truth-telling. Join me in prayer. It's time to get our feet wet. Let us pray together:

All: Gracious God, There are days that threaten to swallow us, days when the storms of life feel too big. In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear, spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you. Forgive us for doubting ourselves. Forgive us for doubting you. Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us. With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Family of faith, You could get out of the boat and walk on water like Peter, or fall to your knees and stay in one place. No matter what you do, Christ's love for you is unchanging. Fearful or brave, faithful or doubting, Christ is always walking toward you. So hear and believe this good news:

All: God's love is stronger than any storms. On our best days, and on our worst days, we are seen, forgiven, and loved.

One: God is always walking toward you.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

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*** 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 # 304** *Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

CHORAL ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

ARR. JAY ALTHOUSE

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Julie Graham, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 22 : 23 - 31

Pew Bible, OT, page 501

Gospel According to Matthew 14 : 22 - 33

Pew Bible, NT, page 16

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in a God who moves toward me when storms rage.

I believe in a God who invites me to be brave.

I believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey.

I believe in a God who knows my name.

I believe in a God of love. I am not afraid.

Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN**

Into The Waters (see insert for words and music)

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED IN 2023 (NECROLOGY REPORT)

Peg Meyer, OSA Representative

Doris Augspurger, Bell

SONG OF GRATITUDE

For All the Saints (verses 1 & 4, please remain seated)

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

*** LENTEN 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.

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BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory (Cwm Rhondda)

PAUL MANZ

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Pray for the family of Ben Vrana. Ben passed away on Monday, February 19. Funeral services will be at 11:00 am on Monday, February 26th at Federated Church. Visitation Sunday 3:00-5:00 pm at Gas Haney and Monday 10:00 am visitation before funeral.

◆ Pray for Annette Bloom, Elsie Ita's niece who will be having cancer surgery next Wednesday.

◆ Pray for Kelli Scheffler as she recovers from hip replacement surgery on February 5th.

◆ Homestead Presbytery: York

York Presbyterian Church would be grateful for prayers regarding our search for a new Minister, and for Rev. Wakeman as he leads us through the coming year. We ask for patience as we wait upon the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire us. In the meantime, we want to continue to worship God, share our faith with our children, and in the community of York. We want to continue the spirit of Christian fellowship that we experience when we are together. Thank you for your prayers.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Omaha Northwest Hills UCC** (Omaha, NE 68134)

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Monday, February 26, 2024

- 4:00pm Special Olympics Basketball Practice, Gym
- 4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers, Gym
- 7:00pm Scout meeting Troop 212, FH

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

- 7:00pm Governing Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

- 10:00am Staff meeting, office
- 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 29, 2024

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, March 1, 2024

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, March 2, 2024

No events scheduled

Sunday, March 3, 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

Book Sale Continues

Please bring in books you would like to donate to the 2024 Book Sale at Federated Church. See a book you like? Make a donation and take home a new book.

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. 29 & March 3 - Wholeness & Healing service
- March 9 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8:30 am
- March 10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 24 - Palm/Passion Sunday
- March 28 - Maundy Thursday service
- March 29 - Good Friday Ecumenical service, noon, Grace Episcopal church, church offices closes at noon
- March 31 - Easter Sunday service, egg hunt after service
- April 1 - Church office closed

Into the Waters

HERZLIEBSTER JESU 11.11.11.5

Words by Anna Strickland, 2023

Music by Johann Crüger, 1640



In - to the wa - ters, tim - id and un - stead - y
But then the winds shift and I let my gaze break
Safe in the boat I won - der where the fault lies
Grace for the jour - ney, grace for all my fail - ings



Bare feet find pur - chase in the wa - ter's ed - dies
Fear starts to drag me un - der - neath the lake's waves
Was it the storm or my own reck - less de - sire
Grace when I'm sink - ing, grace when storms as - sail me



Eyes fixed on Je - sus while the storm is ra - ging
In my dis - tress I cry out to my Sa - vior,
To have con - trol or prove my - self as a - ble
Faith in my - self and faith in God's pro - vis - ion



And waves are break - ing
"Save me from dan - ger!"
Rath - er than faith - ful
Not my am - bi - tion

75
YEARS



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- or-



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

Matthew 5:14-15 (The Message)

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SPECIAL OFFERINGS
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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.



“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.