



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, February 29, & Sunday, March 3, 2024**  
**Third Sunday in Lent; Service of Wholeness & Healing**

***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](http://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 29, & SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT; SERVICE OF WHOLENESS & HEALING

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

PRELUDE

*Adagio (Chorale No 3)*  
*Prelude in A-Flat Major (Op. 17, No. 28)*  
James Sharpe, Organ & Piano

CÉSAR FRANCK  
FREDERICK CHOPIN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

A Sanctified Art

One: If you ask the sky who God is,

**All: the sky will tell you of God's reach.**

One: If you ask the day who God is,

**All: the sun will tell you of God's warmth.**

One: If you ask the night who God is,

**All: the moon will tell you of God's comfort.**

One: "The heavens are telling the glory of God." Are you listening?

**All: We are listening! We will sing of God's glory.**

One: Let us worship Holy God.

**\* OPENING HYMN #482**

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: In our scripture for today, Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter said, "You are the Messiah." Have you ever wondered if his voice faltered when he answered? Did he respond loudly and with confidence, or with a tentative whisper? We'll never know. The text doesn't provide those details. But we can trust that, no matter how we speak to God, when we speak, God is listening. So friends, join me in the prayer of confession. Whether you whisper these words or speak them with conviction, may you trust that our gracious and merciful God is listening with love. Let us pray together:

**All: Holy God, some days, we are quick to declare your goodness. Like Peter, we see you in our midst and we are confident in our faith. Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers. Forgive us for losing sight of you.**

**Some days we are quick to trust your blessings - trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference. Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in.**

**Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves. We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith. But for the days when we are far from you and far from ourselves, we ask for your tender grace. Pull us closer toward you. Remind us of the mountaintop moments of our faith. Amen.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, Whether you speak to God in a whisper or with clear conviction, with questions or with answers, with hope in your heart or with doubt in your throat - God will always listen with love and mercy. So rest in this good news: regardless of how loudly you live your faith - you belong to God. You are loved. You are claimed. You are forgiven. Speak that good news with confidence. Amen.

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: In Jesus Christ, we know God's forgiveness and peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share that peace with one another.

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

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

HIS PUPPETEERS

*Put the Love of God in Your Heart*

Written and performed by Brinlee Klevemann, Tessa Miller, Celine Perrin, Ellie Porter, Meg Weeder, Katie Claus; Julie Graham, Director; Song by Mark Bradford

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nicole Miller, Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 19

Pew Bible, OT, pages 498 - 499

Gospel According to Matthew 16 : 13 - 20

Pew Bible, NT, page 18

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: Jesus asked the disciples, "But what about you? Who do you say that I am?" Church, what do you say?

**All: Jesus is a hand reaching out in the storm, the voice of truth spoken over us, and love without walls. Jesus is justice for the weary, healing for the hurt, and welcome for the stranger. Jesus is a teacher, Messiah, and friend - with me on the mountain and beside me in the valley. Jesus is a star in the night, and the love that knows my name.**

One: Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?"

**All: Like Peter, we say, "Jesus, you are the Messiah, son of the Living God." Amen.**

**\* RESPONSIVE HYMN**

*Here at the Peak (see bulletin insert for words and music)*

**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 thy 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.)

**COMMUNION SONGS**

***Come and Fill Our Hearts & Eat This Bread***

(Words are on the screens; sing respectively, as a prayer, aloud or silently)

**UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**SERVICE OF WHOLENESS & HEALING**

Book of Worship (United Church of Christ)

Thanksgiving over Oil  
Invitation to Anointing  
Act of Anointing

**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.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN #421**

*The Church of Christ in Every Age (verses 1, 3, &5)*

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Our God, Our Help, in Ages Past*

HEALEY WILLAN

Café LaFed is hosted by Good Shepherd Church, Antonio Garcia

# Easter Flowers Order Form



<u>Flower &amp; Price</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Lily \$10.00		
Mum \$15.00		
Begonia \$20.00		

**DONORS NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TO GOD'S GLORY AND...**

**IN MEMORY OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN HONOR OF:** \_\_\_\_\_



PLEASE ORDER FLOWERS BY MARCH 17TH.  
EASTER FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO GOD'S GLORY,  
AND MAY ALSO BE DESIGNATED AS A MEMORIAL  
AND/OR GIVEN IN HONOR OF SPECIAL PERSONS.  
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO *FEDERATED CHURCH*.  
PLEASE NOTE '**EASTER FLOWERS**' ON THE MEMO LINE.



## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Pray for Annette Bloom, Elsie Ita's niece, who had cancer surgery on Wednesday.

◆ Pray for Rod Behlen who is in intensive care in Omaha.

◆ Pray for the family of Roberta Saalfeld. Roberta passed away on February 28th. Funeral arrangements are pending.

### ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Alexandria**

Alexandria would appreciate prayers for our church as we look forward to a number of fellowship opportunities in 2024. Please pray for our Sunday School which is small but mighty in love of Jesus and our PW which is small but mighty in mission and faith. We ask for prayers from our families who have experienced loss in the past several months, and members who have health concerns. Please pray that we might continue to hear God's call and follow His will in our lives, our church and surrounding community.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Pierce UCC**  
(Pierce, NE 68767)

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.

### 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. Dessert 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

### 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. The book sale will end on March 10th. Thank you.

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### **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

### **Monday, March 4, 2024**

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2

3:00pm OSA Cooking, kitchen

4:00pm Special Olympics Basketball Practice, Gym

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers, Gym

4:30pm Order of St Andrew Meeting

7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

### **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

1:30pm Cries of the Spirit, library

5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room

6:30pm Christian Education Committee

7:15pm Worship & Music Committee

### **Wednesday, March 6, 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, March 7, 2024**

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

### **Friday, March 8, 2024**

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

### **Saturday, March 9, 2024**

8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, FH

9:00am Special Olympics Practice, gym

### **Sunday, March 10, 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

5:00pm BOOK SALE ends today

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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

April 1 - Church office closed

### **THANK YOU FEBRUARY LITURGISTS**

Alison Wagner, Brenda Sand, Bob Arp, Julie Graham



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Wandering Heart: "Praise the mount" | MATTHEW 16:13-20

# Here at the Peak

HAMBURG 8.8.8.8

Words by Anna Strickland, 2023

Music by Lowell Mason, 1824

Here at the peak I clearly see All of the pieces  
 Here I proclaim the truths I know Beyond the knowledge  
 Here my Creator stands enfleshed In finite glory  
 Here at the peak you clearly name Who you created

you've laid out And in this brief though timeless  
 of this world Truths planted deep with in my  
 here contained Humble and rugged, simply  
 me to be I identified not by my

peace Such clarity occludes my doubts  
 bones Brought to the light as gold unearthed  
 dressed Sa - vior of all on earth to reign  
 shame But by the gifts you gave to me

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