



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, March 7, & Sunday, March 10, 2024

Fourth 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, MARCH 7, & SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love

ARR. MARK HAYES

God Leads Us

ARR. MARILYNN HAM

Amanda Weeder, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

A Sanctified Art

One: On our worst days,

All: God is good.

One: On our best days,

All: God is good.

One: When life is consistent,

All: God is good.

One: And when life turns on its head,

All: God is good.

One: Day and night, Monday through Sunday,

All: God is good. God is here. God is love.

One: Hold tight to that good news. Let us worship God!

*** OPENING HYMN #356**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: There's a moment in our scripture today when Jesus turns to Peter, named "the rock" of the church, and says, "Get behind me, Satan!" I don't know about you all, but that's a pretty bad day for Peter. It's a pretty bad day when Jesus calls you Satan! Fortunately, this absurd moment comforts me with the knowledge that even Peter made mistakes. Peter, who was given the keys to Heaven. Peter, Jesus' right-hand man, made mistakes just like me. And still, Jesus chose him. Knowing that, let us speak honestly with God. For even on our worst days, we belong to God, and that will never change. Join me in prayer -

All: Holy God, we often find ourselves moving through a world that does not make sense. Like Peter, we want to yell out, "This should not happen!" We want to control scenarios beyond our reach. We want to hold your world in our hands. Forgive us for the moments when we lead with declarations instead of curiosity. Forgive us for arguing when we could listen. Forgive us for fixating on one truth, when we could open ourselves up to many. Soften our hard edges and teach us how to listen. With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Friends, no matter how many times you have dug your heels in, no matter how many fights you have wanted to pick with God, no matter how many times you have disagreed, raged, or clung to what you know instead of embracing holy change - we worship a God of grace.

All: Nothing can separate us from God's love, not even a stubborn attitude or a tense heart.

One: So hear and believe the good news of the gospel. God's love for us will always be deeper than we can imagine.

All: We are seen. We are loved. And we are forgiven.

One: Now follow Peter, and go be the Church in the world. Amen.

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

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*** 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.

*** SING THE FAITH # 2152**

Change My Heart, O God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

CHORAL ANTHEM

My Soul Waits in Silence

MARY LYNN LIGHTFOOT

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Katie Claus, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 107 : 1 - 3, 17 - 22

Pew Bible, OT, pages 559 - 560

Gospel According to Matthew 16 : 21 - 23

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: I believe in a God of second chances,

All: a God who sees through my stubbornness and holds my fear with tenderness.

One: I believe that this God of second chances uses ordinary people like Peter to do good in the world.

All: Therefore, I believe and hope that God can use me too.

One: I believe that from time to time, God invites us to imagine the impossible. I believe that from time to time, God invites us to change our minds.

All: This change is holy and important work, although challenging. When fear and scarcity plague me, or when the impossible feels out of reach, I believe that God meets me with grace and invites me to follow.

One: Thanks be to God for a love like that.

All: Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN**

The Way (see bulletin insert for words and music)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

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 #384**

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

ARR. MARILYNN HAM

Café LaFed is hosted by Order of St. Andrew

Easter Flowers Order Form

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Lily \$10.00		
Mum \$15.00		
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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.

◆ Congratulations to Kristen and Jake Frederick. Their son, Henry Allen was born on March 7th, 2024. Grandparents are Roland & Doris Augspurger.

◆ Pray for Rod Behlen who has been placed on hospice.

◆ Pray for the family of Roberta Saalfeld. Roberta passed away on February 28th. Funeral will be May 3rd at 11 a.m. Federated Church, with luncheon to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Auburn

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Auburn 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: Plainview First Congregational UCC** (Plainview, NE 68796)

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Monday, March 11, 2024

4:00pm Special Olympics Basketball Practice, Gym
5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee
6:30pm Membership & Growth Committee
7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

5:00pm PEO Supper & Meeting, FH
5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

10:00am Staff meeting, office
12:00pm Lenten Lunch, First UMC
6:30pm Bells of Joy Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 14, 2024

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, March 15, 2024

10:00am Piano Tuning, Choir room, Sanctuary
6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, March 16, 2024

9:00am Special Olympics Practice, gym

Sunday, March 17, 2024

8:45am SALT (Adult Education), Fellowship Hall
9:00am Education Hour, various rooms
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am Youth Sunday Funday
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 24 - Palm/Passion Sunday

March 28 - Maundy Thursday service, 6:30 pm

March 29 - Good Friday Ecumenical service, noon, Grace Episcopal church, church offices closes at noon

March 31 - Easter Sunday service, 10 am; egg hunt

April 1 - Church office closed

The book sale will end on March 10th.

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.



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Wandering Heart: "I'm fixed upon it" | MATTHEW 16:21-23

The Way

RATHBUN 8.7.8.7

Words by Anna Strickland, 2023

Music by Ithamar Conkey, 1851

Faith - ful - ly I learned to fol - low Step by
 Life was ea - sy, faith was sta - ble Then the
 Thread by thread my faith un - rav - eled When the
 Though the way leads through steep can - yons I sur -

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step and not to stray March - ing on with
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 way be - came un - known So - lid ground gave
 ren - der my con - trol Christ is still my

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proud bra - va - do Claim - ing Je - sus as the way
 past the cra - dle Je - sus Christ I fol - lowed still
 way to gra - vel So I cling to Christ a - lone
 sure com - pan - ion As the path be - fore un - folds

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