



# FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, March 14, & Sunday, March 17, 2024

**Fifth 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](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, MARCH 14, & SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

PRELUDE

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

ARR. SCHRADER

*Be Thou My Vision #339, Londonderry Air,*

*and The King of Love #171*

IRISH MELODIES

Lee Augustin, Piano & Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

A Sanctified Art

One: Why are you here?

**All: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.**

One: I see it! You're in the right place! This is God's house. The door is open to you.

**All: Why are you here?**

One: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

**All: We see that in you! You're in the right place. This is God's house. The door is open to you.**

One: Let us worship God.

**All: Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen!**

**\* OPENING HYMN #459**

*Father, We Praise Thee*

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Friends, when you study Peter's story in scripture it's almost impossible to ignore how much he loved to ask questions. He asks Jesus: "What does the parable mean?" "Where are you going?" "How many times should we forgive?" Like a tenacious toddler, Peter was full of questions, because Peter was eager to learn. I wish I was more like that. I still have so much to learn. So friends, let's be like Peter. Let's return to Christ with the humility of a student as we pray together the prayer of confession. Let this be a moment of learning. Let us pray:

**All: Holy God, We long to be lifelong learners. We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind. Instead, we often live as if we know best. We forget that the disciples called you "Rabbi, Teacher." Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious. Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best. Forgive us for the moments when we imagine that our learning is done and that we have all the answers. Like Peter—who was brave enough to ask, "How many times should we forgive?"—make us brave. Spark a desire in us to learn, and may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters. With hope and humility we pray, amen.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Family of faith, When Peter asked Jesus, "How many times should I forgive?" Jesus responded with abundance. That abundance exists for you as well.

**All: No matter what you have done or left undone, no matter what lessons you have learned or are still learning, God's abundant grace exists for you. God's love will never run out.**

One: So hear and rest in this good news: You are forgiven. You are loved. You are invited to serve. Thanks be to God! 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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**\* SING THE FAITH #2152**

**Change My Heart, O God**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

BELLS OF JOY

*Were You There?*

ARR. AUSTIN

Bell Choir, Stuart Gausman, Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beatriz Garcia, Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 119 : 9 - 16

Pew Bible, OT, page 566

Gospel According to Matthew 18 : 15 - 22

Pew Bible, NT, page 20

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*Teach Me, O Lord*

James Sharpe

(includes video: *Teach Me, O Lord* performed, recorded and used with permission by St. Paul's Episcopal, Milwaukee)

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Teach Me*, a poem by Rev. Sarah Speed

ADAPTED - WANDERING HEART, 2024

One: Teach me about the ways of the wind,

**All: about the ways of the world,  
about the ways of the heart.**

One: Teach me about forgiveness,

**All: about the language of I'm sorry,  
about seventy times seven.**

One: Teach me about joy,

**All: about its contagious weaving,  
about its soul-healing.**

One: Teach me about mercy,

**All: about open hands,  
about deep breaths.**

One: Teach me what matters most,

**All: about what it is mine to do,  
until I run out of questions,  
until I run out of days.**

One: Teach me, O Lord,

**All: the way of thy pathways.**

**\* RESPONSIVE HYMN**

*Love Your Neighbor and Forgive (see bulletin insert for words and music)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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

*Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

ARR. MCKIBBEN

**\* 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**

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

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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 #358

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Since Jesus Came Into My Heart*

STF #2140

Café LaFed is hosted by Order of St. Andrew

**We are still collecting pill bottles** --please take off labels (Goo Gone or Dawn Dishwashing soap work well.) Containers should be rinsed out, also. Put in the tote in the coat rack area. Thank you for your donations to this worthy project.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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

# 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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.



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Wandering Heart: "Teach me" | MATTHEW 18:15-22

# Love Your Neighbor and Forgive

REDHEAD No. 76 (7.7.7.7.7)

Words by Anna Strickland, 2023

Music by Richard Redhead, 1853

"Love your neigh - bor and for - give"      Words so sim - ple yet so hard  
Sounds of bombs and bul - lets ring      War is all we've ev - er known  
Love is ris - ky, peace is faint      And for - give - ness feels na - ive

We have wounds be - cause we've lived      Cal - lus - es en - fold our hearts  
Pa - ci - fists are framed as weak      We re - ly on might a - lone  
All are sin - ners, all are saints      And we all God's grace re - ceive

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Je - sus rea - ches out to touch      Wounds and hearts that hold too much  
Je - sus paves the paths of peace      E - ven as the threats in - crease  
So we fol - low mer - cy's way      Soft - en - ing our hearts to grace

## 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 was placed on Hospice.

### ◆ Homestead Presbytery: Bancroft

We pray for our members and their families health and happiness. Our church is in small town USA, we are a small congregation but we ask for prayers to keep our church's spirit alive, our appetite for God's word hungry and our hearts full with the love of Jesus Christ. Also we ask to pray for our traveling speakers and their families as they go the distance to tend to the Lord's sheep. Please join us in praying for the great country we live in, the United States of America, and all of God's children that are afraid, sad, mourning, disappointed, depressed, anxious, being harmed verbally, physically, emotionally and spiritually. We ask Father Son and Holy Spirit to wrap us in their comforting and compassionate presents to allow our bodies, minds and souls peace. God Bless you all and God Bless the USA.

- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Ralston UCC** (Ralston, NE 68127)

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.

Membership & Growth Small Groups: Do you enjoy concerts, plays, or any upcoming arts and events in Columbus? However do you stay home because you do not want to attend alone and would rather go with others? Here is your chance to go with others. The Membership and Growth Committee is getting a group of people together to attend these events. If you are interested, please contact Ruth Lind and leave your name, phone number and email address. I will add your name or names to the list and will contact you when the next event comes up. If there is something you would like to see or attend, please give us your ideas. Please contact the church office if you need Ruth's contact information.

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, March 17, 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 18, 2024

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
- 4:00pm Special Olympics Basketball Practice, Gym
- 7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

### Tuesday, March 19, 2024

- 4:00pm Scout Pancake Feed Setup, FH
- 5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room
- 6:30pm Finance & Property Committee
- 7:00pm Personnel Committee

### Wednesday, March 20, 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 21, 2024

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, March 22, 2024

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

### Saturday, March 23, 2024

- 9:00am Girl Scouts party, gym
- 9:00am Private family birthday party, FH, kitchen

### Sunday, March 24, 2024 - Palm/Passion Sunday

- 8:45am SALT (Adult Education), Fellowship Hall
- 9:00am Education Hour, various rooms
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
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### 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