



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, March 21, & Sunday, March 24, 2024
Palm/Passion Sunday

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 21, & SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE

Adagio in A Minor (BWV 564)

J. S. BACH

The Old Rugged Cross

ARR. J. NIMOH

James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

A Sanctified Art

One: Sing songs of loudest praise!

All: Hosanna!

One: Sing songs that are unashamed.

All: Hosanna!

One: Sing songs without being afraid.

All: Hosanna!

One: Sing for the God of tomorrow and today.

All: Hosanna!

One: Let us worship the One worthy to be praised.

*** OPENING HYMN #89**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: The Gospel of John tells us that crowds gathered to praise Jesus as he entered Jerusalem, singing and shouting with confidence. After describing the crowd, however, the Gospel writer zooms in on the disciples and tells us that while the crowds shouted praise at Jesus, the disciples were confused. The text says, “the disciples did not understand what was happening.” A lot of our lives may look like this: either we understand God’s presence in our lives and want to shout it from the rooftop - or we’re standing on the side of the parade missing our chance to sing. That is why we need the prayer of confession. Because life happens fast, and without a doubt, we have stood where the disciples stood. So let us pray, for we don’t want to miss our chance to sing:

All: Holy God, we want to run into the streets and sing your praise! We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-news Gospel. However, too often we find ourselves standing against the wall. Too often we stay quiet. Too often we let others carry the song. Forgive us for the moments when we could lead the parade but instead find ourselves standing on the sidelines. Show us which songs are ours to sing. Show us which parades are ours to lead, and then give us the courage and conviction to do both. With hope and honesty we pray, amen.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Friends, no matter where you are on the parade route - whether you are waving palm branches through the streets or standing against the wall, quiet and cautious - Jesus marched for you. Jesus’ love, his striving for justice and mercy, it was for you. You are included in this story and nothing can ever change that. So hear these words and trust them deep in your bones:

All: We have reason to sing, for Jesus Christ loved us yesterday. Jesus Christ loves us today. And Jesus Christ will love us tomorrow.

One: You are forgiven, claimed, and sent to serve. Go out and sing. Go out trusting these words.

All: 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

CHILDREN'S BELLS

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Bell Choir, Stuart Gausman, Director; Riley Gausman, Trumpet

CHORAL ANTHEM

Ride on! Ride on in Majesty

HENRY H. MILMEN, W. GLEN DARST

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nicole Miller, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to John 12 : 12 - 19

Pew Bible, NT, page 106

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: We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

All: who rode through the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey.

One: We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

All: who challenged Rome's oppressive power with peaceful protest.

One: We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

All: who was surrounded by crowds of dreamers and believers.

One: We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

All: so even today, we will sing songs of loudest praise.

One: Hosanna!

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN #476**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! (verses 1, 2, & 4)

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

*** 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.

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

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SCRIPTURE READING (Passion of Christ)

Gospel According to Mark 15 : 7 - 39

Pew Bible, NT, pages 53 - 54

CLOSING HYMN #101

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise to Our God, the Almighty

Paul Manz

Café LaFed is hosted by Worship & Music Committee

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

♦ Pray for Rod Behlen as he continues on hospice care.

♦ Homestead Presbytery: *Beatrice*

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Beatrice 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: Scribner First Congregational UCC** (Scribner, NE 68057)

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

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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, March 25, 2024

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2

4:00pm Special Olympics Basketball Practice, Gym

7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room

7:00pm Governing Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

10:00am Staff meeting, office

4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online

6:30pm Bells of Joy Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 28, 2024

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, March 29, 2024

12:00pm *Church Office closed*

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, March 30, 2024

No events scheduled

Sunday, March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, April 1, 2024

Church office closed

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

April 7 - Jazz Sunday