



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Sunday, March 31, 2024**  
**Easter 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](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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Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i>				

**Welcome to Worship at Federated!**

MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE

*Andante in G Major (K 311)*

W. A. MOZART

*Canon in D Major*

J. PACHELBEL

James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO

“THIS IS THE CROSS (Hyper Pixels Media)

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

A Sanctified Art

One: Yesterday we thought death had won. Yesterday we thought all was lost. Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

**All: But not today. Today we know that love has won. Today we know that hope is real. Today we know that Christ is here.**

One: We have a reason to hope.

**All: We have a reason to sing!**

One: Alleluia!

**All: Alleluia!**

One: Christ is risen today.

\* **OPENING HYMN #123**

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: In the Gospel of Luke, the women come to the tomb, and to their surprise, instead of finding Jesus, they find angels. The angels tell the women, “Jesus is not here,” and when that answer is met with confusion, the angels say, “Remember what he told you.” Remember. It’s one of the words Jesus used at his last supper, and it’s one of the first words we hear at the empty tomb. Remember. I think this call to remember is why we need the prayer of confession and these words of forgiveness every single week. It’s not enough to hear of God’s grace once. We need to hear it over and over again, week after week. We need to be reminded that God’s grace and mercy will never run out. Let us tell the truth of our lives so that once again we can be reminded that our God is a God of grace, mercy, and love. Let us pray so that we can remember.

Join me in the responsive Prayer of Confession:

One: The stone is rolled away!

**All: We assume it is a mistake.**

One: The angels say, “He is not here!”

**All: We assume they are wrong.**

One: The women tell the story,

**All: but we do not want to hear it.**

One: Peter runs to the tomb,

**All: but we do not understand.**

One: Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb is not important.

**All: Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths and still holding tight to death.**

One: Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope when you are alive and well in the world.

**All: Teach us to see what you see.**

One: Unravel the threads of our unbelief.

**All: Amen.**

\* **MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

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

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**\* WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

One: The angels tell the women, "Remember what Jesus told you." So, church, remember this:

**All: We are seen. We are forgiven. We are held in God's grace.**

One: All of this is true. Grace and mercy abound for you.

**All: Let us remember this. 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.

**\* SING THE FAITH #2152**

***Change My Heart, O God***

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Exultation for Easter*

ARNOLD B. SHERMAN

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

Brass; Riley Gausman, Dave Melick, Parker Grant

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beth Sharpe, Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Gospel According to Luke 24: 1 - 12

Pew Bible, NT, page 90

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We may weep through the longest nights. We may stare at the empty tomb with more questions than answers. We may run our fingers over the burial cloths and still long for more. But today, we are a people of hope. We believe in new beginnings. We believe that the God who created the world is stronger than death. We believe that Jesus abides among us, healing, teaching, and leaving fingerprints throughout this world. We believe that a tomb could not hold him. We believe that the sun does rise. We believe that Peter was there with questions, awe, and faith the size of a mustard seed. We believe that the story is not over yet, for God is among us. Today we are a people of hope. Amen.**

**\* RESPONSIVE HYMN**

***In the Bulb There Is a Flower (see insert for words and music)***

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**Alison Wagner, Church President**

\* Presentation of Baptisand: Mack William Irby, child of Michael & Taylor Irby

\* **Profession of Faith: Nicene Creed (responsive reading)**

Questions to Parents, Congregation and Children of the Church

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

\* **Welcome**

\* **Sing the Faith #2051**

***I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry***

**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**

**\* DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. 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 # 118**

***The Day of Resurrection!***

**\* BENEDICTION****JOYS & CONCERNS**

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

- ◆ We celebrate with North Bend United Presbyterian Church in calling Reverend Connie Stone as their next pastor. Installation service for Rev. Stone will be April 7th at 3 p.m. in North Bend.
- ◆ Pray for Jeannie Kiser Jensen as she deals with difficulties after surgery.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Rod Behlen. Rod passed away on Thursday, March 28th. Funeral arrangements are pending.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Harold Palmer, brother of Laurretta & Chris Dixon. Harold passed away on March 22nd and funeral service was held on March 27th in Lyons, NE.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Belden Union**  
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Belden Union 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: Stanton New England Congregational UCC**  
(Scribner, NE 68057)



If you purchased a flower for the Easter service, you are welcome to take home the type of flower you purchased. All plants left after service will be donated to local retirement homes.

**THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH****Sunday, March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday**

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Baptism: Mack William Irby

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

**Monday, April 1, 2024**

*Church office is closed*

4:00pm Special Olympics Basketball Practice, Gym

7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

1:30pm Cries of the Spirit, Library room

5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room

6:30pm Christian Education Committee

7:15pm Worship & Music Committee

**Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

10:00am Staff meeting, office

6:30pm Bells of Joy Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**Thursday, April 4, 2024**

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

**Friday, April 5, 2024**

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

**Saturday, April 6, 2024**

*No events scheduled*

**Sunday, April 7, 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

**THESE DAYS** - Daily Devotions for Living by Faith  
(April, May, June 2024) books  
are available in the Sanctuary and the office.

# In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

## Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)  
F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)  
C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)  
F7 B<sup>b</sup> Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."  
Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

# Easter Flowers Given By...

**BOB & WILMA ARP,**

IN MEMORY OF JACK & DELORES ARP  
AND JOHN & ANNABELLE WARNER

**DONNA AUGSPURGER,**

IN MEMORY OF ROGER AUGSPURGER  
IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

**FRED & RENEE BELLUM**

**CHRIS & GARY BOCK, TRAVIS & JOLENE BOCK AND  
FAMILY, AND TIFFANY SMITH & FAMILY,**  
IN MEMORY OF ELEANOR LOSHBAUGH

**CHRIS & LAURETTA DIXON,**

IN MEMORY OUR PARENTS  
IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN,  
AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN

**BEVERLY FRY,**

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD FRY  
AND OUR PARENTS

**DAVID & RAE FULTON,**

IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN  
& THEIR FAMILIES

**EL BUEN PASTOR**

**STUART, KRISTEN, REAGAN, & RILEY GAUSMAN,**

IN MEMORY OF REECE GAUSMAN  
AND BERNIE MORAN

**MARCIA & CLARK GRANT,**

IN MEMORY OF BILL & BETTY GRANT  
AND DONALD & LUCILLE REMMERS

**CYNDI & JERRY JARECKE,**

IN MEMORY OF JIM UHLMANN

**RUTH LIND,**

IN MEMORY OF NORMA & RAY LIND  
AND CHARLEY ACKERMAN

**JOHN & KATHLEEN LOHR,**

IN MEMORY OF BUS & LORETTA LOHR

**STEVE & JACKIE MARKER, ALISON HAST, CALEB,  
RAEYA, & BENNETT**

IN MEMORY OF MARLYN & JOAN WURDEMAN,  
GERALD MARKER  
AND SHERI BOSTIC  
IN HONOR OF MARLYN & JOAN WURDEMAN'S 68TH  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>

**STEVE & SUSAN MCCLURE,**

IN MEMORY OF GERALD & RUTH MCCLURE  
AND H.G. & DORIS CRECELIUS

**JOHN & LINDA MCPHAIL,**

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

**SHERRY MILLER & FAMILY,**

IN MEMORY OF DR. LEON MILLER,  
HAROLD & MILDRED BUSCH,  
JOE & GLADYS MILLER

**LOUISE MORAN,**

IN MEMORY OF REECE GAUSMAN

**JOHN & NILA NOVOTNY,**

IN MEMORY OF GENE & MARIE NOVOTNY AND JACK  
& DOROTHY MOORE

**JANALYN PICKREL,**

IN MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND,  
ROGER PICKREL  
IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

**RICK & LAURA PORTER,**

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS,  
RICHARD & BENITA LAMBERT  
AND PAT & ROSEAN PORTER

**HAROLD & ROGALYN STEVENS,**

IN MEMORY OF BURTON & MAZIE STEVENS AND ROY  
& VIRGINIA RUSSELL

**CLINT & KELLI SCHEFFLER,**

IN MEMORY OF JANIE MEYER AND  
AARON & BETTY SCHEFFLER

**ROBERTA UHLMANN,**

IN MEMORY OF JIM UHLMANN,  
AND ALFRED ANDERSON

**ROD & CINDEE WACHTER,**

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS,  
M.D. & SANDEE LINDE  
AND WILLIS & VERONA WACHTER

**KATHY ZYWEIC,**

IN MEMORY OF MY SISTER, DEBBIE ADAMS  
AND MY PARENTS, LEE & MAXINE IWANSKI

