



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, April 4 & Sunday, April 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter

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, APRIL 4, & SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

NEWTON

Mercy, Mercy, Mercy

ZAWINUL

Columbus Jazz Ensemble: Keith Byrkit, Piano, Tom Pennington, Drums, Jan Zaura, Bass,

Riley Salak, Trombone, Larry Mares, Alto Sax, Riley Gausman, Trumpet, Stuart Gausman, Soprano Sax

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

A Sanctified Art

One: Jesus said,

All: "Follow me."

One: Jesus said,

All: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

One: Jesus said,

All: "Forgive seventy times seven."

One: Jesus said,

All: "Feed my sheep."

One: In response, we say:

All: "Here's my heart. Take and seal it. Seal it for thy courts above."

One: Let us worship God with all our hearts.

*** OPENING HYMN #356**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: For the last seven weeks we have been following the life and faith of Peter. Despite being one of Jesus' most loyal disciples, Peter still made mistakes. He was faithful and messy, humble and afraid, loving and cautious. Friends, we're a lot like Peter. Despite our faith, we make mistakes. Despite our belief, we carry unbelief. Despite our love, we can cause hurt. So like Peter, let us return to God in prayer, confessing the truth of our lives. God's grace does not stop with that humble yet fearful disciple. God's grace reaches all the way to us. Let us pray:

All: Gracious God, like Peter, we crawl out of the boat only to sink. You tell us your truth and we push it away. We ask about forgiveness and are surprised by abundance. We profess our faith and deny it three times. We run to the empty tomb and leave in silence. Over and over again, we find ourselves wandering along the journey of faith. Tether us to your heart. Forgive our surprise, our denial, and our limited imagination. Call us out of the boat once more. We are eager to return to you. With humble hearts we pray, amen.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Friends, the first time that Peter saw Jesus after the crucifixion, Jesus asked him three times, "Do you love me?" This repetition was not because Jesus doubted Peter's word. This repetition was Jesus offering Peter grace.

All: The last time Jesus and Peter were together, Peter said three times, "I do not know that man." So when Jesus returned, he asked Peter, "Do you love me?" And in that moment, he allowed Peter to turn his denials into love.

One: Friends, the grace of our God knows no end. When we stumble, when we fall, when we deny God or cause harm, Jesus meets us where we are and offers us a second chance. So rest in this good news. Does God love you? Yes, yes, yes. God loves you.

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

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All: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love that never ends.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, a peace the world cannot give." The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*** SING THE FAITH #2193**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Know Whom I Have Believed

MCGRANAHAN

Columbus Jazz Ensemble

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Doug Williams, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to John 21 : 1 - 19

Pew Bible, NT, pages 115 - 116

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 a God who shows up in our lives - surprising and catching us off-guard in the best of ways.

All: We believe in a God who cares for God's people - a shepherd who longs for sheep to be fed and tended.

One: We believe in a God who took on flesh - a God whose love changed the world as we know it.

All: We believe that this here-and-now God invites us out of the boat, calling ordinary people like Peter, like us, into a life of service and community.

One: And so we give our hearts.

All: We give our whole hearts and nothing less. Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN #359**

More Love to Thee, O Christ

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

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 on-going conversations about faith. After partaking, please place cups in the pew holder.)

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.

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

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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

Good and gracious God, help us to say thank you, to live with gratitude, to look for the best in each other, and to live charitably with all. May your resurrection never stop surprising us, disrupting us and transforming us, until Christ’s kingdom comes. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN #387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Near the Cross

DOANE

Café LaFed is hosted by Mike & Sharyn Beard

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for Doug Johnson, Stephanie Johnson’s father who is hospitalized with heart issues.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Rod Behlen. Rod passed away on Thursday, March 28th. Funeral was April 3rd at Federated Church.
- ◆ Pray for Jeannie Kiser Jensen as she deals with difficulties after surgery.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Harold Palmer, brother of Loretta & Chris Dixon. Harold passed away on March 22nd and funeral service was held on March 27th in Lyons, NE.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Cedar Bluffs**
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Cedar Bluffs 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: Tilden Peace UCC** (Tilden, NE 68781)

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, April 7, 2024

- 8:45am SALT (Adult Education), FH
- 9:00am Education Hour, various rooms
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, April 8, 2024

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD Conf. room
- 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, April 9, 2024

- 12:00pm PEO Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room
- 7:00pm Personnel Committee

Wednesday, April 10, 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, April 11, 2024

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, April 12, 2024

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, April 13, 2024

- 8:30am Men’s Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, April 14, 2024

- 8:45am SALT (Adult Education), FH
- 9:00am Education Hour, various rooms
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15am Youth Ministry Committee
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Education Center Update and Request

Good news, the ceilings, painting, and lighting have been completed. The work installing the remainder of the doors and windows is almost finished. We are looking forward to the installation of all bathroom flooring and the upgrading of all bathroom fixtures which should begin at any time. Please contact me at 402-910-4233 or email wilmalu@neb.rr.com if you would be willing to help. Once the chairs are in place, there will be another announcement asking for volunteers to assist in the actual clean-up. The projected start update is April 22.

Our April Newsletter will be available on our website and Facebook. Copies available in the Narthex as well.