



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, April 18, & Sunday, April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

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.

Governing Council - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
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Sharon Kuncil	Barb Olson	Steve McClure		
Laura Porter	Lori Rine	Jesse Abrego		
Andree & Terry Hoeman, <i>Co-Historians</i>				
Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i>				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, & SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

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

PRELUDE

Surely Goodness and Mercy Shall Follow Me

YOUNG

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ARR. TRAVIS

There is Sunshine in My Soul

ARR. HAYES

Lee Augustin, Piano & Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Feasting on the Word

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He lays down his life for his sheep.

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He knows us, and we belong to him.

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

*** OPENING HYMN #387**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us. But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts; and God's deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace. Therefore let us confess our sins.

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

*** 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

BELLS OF JOY

Jubilance

BY MCCHESENEY

Bell Choir, Stuart Gausman, Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Alison Wagner, Liturgist

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

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SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to John 10 : 11 - 18

Pew Bible, NT, page 103

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Brenda Sand

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Psalm 23)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

* RESPONSIVE HYMN #298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art 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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the good of the world and sees a brother or sister in need, yet refuses to help? With love for God and neighbor, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

Simple Gifts

ARR. GESCHKE

* 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.***

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Show us how to share Christ's love by giving our lives for one another; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN #388

O Jesus, I have Promised

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Song of Joy

STEBBINS

Café LaFed is hosted by Circle 1 Committee

THESE DAYS - Daily Devotions for Living by Faith

(April, May, June 2024) books
are available in the Narthex and the office.

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

Social Concerns and Missions Committee is collecting
paper towels and toilet paper for the Center for
Survivors April, May, June 2024. Please place your
donations in the North entrance lobby. Thank you.

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JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Pray for the family of Brian Gumm, brother of Tom & Toni Gumm. Brian passed away on April 13, 2024. A Celebration of Brian's life will be Saturday, April 20th from 3-5pm at McKown Funeral Home. A reception will follow at Maximus Restaurant in Columbus.

◆ Pray for the family of Barbara Hicks. Barbara passed away on March 3, 2024. Her funeral services were April 19th at the First Presbyterian Church in Boise, Idaho.

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Columbus Federated

We are blessed with a very caring and supportive congregation, and a Pastor who faithfully shepherds us. Actively, we reach out to the community with a helping hand, giving our support through mission work and providing our facility for use, when needed. Please pray for continued connectedness among our members, as we proceed with our Ed Center renovation, possible music ministry updates, and continued community mission work. Pray that we live knowing we are called to nurture growing relationships with God by following the example of Jesus Christ.

◆ UCC Living Waters Association: Wisner United Methodist UCC (Wisner, NE 68791)

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.

I am asking for eight volunteers to chair the cleanup of each room. One chair for each room. Once I have those people identified we will meet to put a plan together. Chairs and their workers are welcome to work mornings, afternoons, or evenings.

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 date is April 22.*

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, April 21, 2024

8:45am SALT (Adult Education), FH
9:00am Education Hour, various rooms
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am Youth Pizza Sales begin
11:15am Parent Mission Trip Meeting, FH
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, April 22, 2024

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD Conf. room
7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room
6:30pm Governing Council Meeting, Confirmation Students

Wednesday, April 24, 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 25, 2024

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, April 26, 2024

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, April 27, 2024

No events scheduled

Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:45am SALT (Adult Education), FH
9:00am Education Hour, various rooms
10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15am Children's Sunday / Pot Luck, FH
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 20 - Youth Pizza Fund Raiser

May 5 - Confirmation Sunday

May 12 - Mother's Day

May 19 - Graduation Sunday

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.