



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, April 25, & Sunday, April 28, 2024**  
**Fifth 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](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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Peg Meyer	Kathy Leischner	Tammi Gotschall		
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 25, & SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

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

PRELUDE

*Water Music Suite (Air)*  
*Clair de lune (Suite Bergamasque)*  
James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

G. F. HANDEL  
CLAUDE DEBUSSY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Presbyterian Outlook

One: We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,

**All: for we are the church of Jesus Christ!**

One: We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,

**All: opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!**

**\* OPENING HYMN #467**

***How Great Thou Art (verses 1, 2, 4)***

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: When we come before God, we remember and proclaim who God is: merciful, just, holy, and loving. We must also remember who we are, and we are a people who have not always been the people God has called us to be. We have not always been merciful, just, holy or loving. So let us confess our sin, trusting in God's goodness to forgive us and create us anew for our lives ahead.

**All: Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Hear the good news! In Christ, we are new creations.

**All: The old life is gone, thank God! A new life has begun.**

One: Know you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\* 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 (SUN.)

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC (THURS.)

*Jubilance*

BY MCCHESENEY

RECORDED SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

CHORAL ANTHEM (SUN.)

*Let Your Light Shine!*

BY NANCY PRICE & DON BESIG

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

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

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**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts of the Apostles 8 : 26 - 40

Pew Bible, NT, page 127

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

Edward Yang

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "Welcoming God" by Carolyn W. Gillette**

One: Children are welcome, Christ said one day, when the disciples just urged them away.

**All: Children are welcome at Jesus' knee: God's own examples for ministry.**

One: Welcoming God, you open the Way; even the smallest worship and pray,

**All: Singing with faith and serving you well, your life to know and good news to tell.**

One: Women are welcome, as are the men; through God's own Spirit, we're partners again.

**All: Partners as prophets, ministers, too: no more divided — made one in you.**

One: Welcoming God, you open the way; those once divided join now to pray,

**All: Serving at Table, preaching your Word, so that your love for all will be heard.**

One: Outcasts are welcome; sinners are, too, eating with Jesus and being made new:

**All: Some like Zacchaeus turned right around; wounded and poor ones felt peace profound.**

One: God of great love, you stand at the door, welcoming people outcast and poor.

**All: So you forgive and call us to be filled with the joy of your jubilee.**

One: So may we welcome into our pew all who in Jesus are being made new —

**All: All those who seek him, wanting to know, wanting to love him, wanting to grow.**

One: Welcoming God, you stand at our door, as someone different, outcast or poor.

**All: With longing eyes, Lord Jesus, you search. May we all welcome you in your church. Amen.****\* RESPONSIVE HYMN #376***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (verses 1, 2 & 4)***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.**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Having heard the good news and being assured of God's love and grace, our only response is one of gratitude. Let us give thanks with what we have and who we are. Let us give our 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**

**Gracious God, please accept these gifts and use them for the coming of your kingdom in this time and place. In gratitude for all we have and for your love for us, we pray with thanksgiving. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN #438***Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Lord, Jesus Christ, Be Present Now  
No Café La Fed; Potluck*

J. S. BACH

## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for the family of Gary Puckett. Gary passed away on Saturday, April 20th. Visitation at Federated Church at 10 am, April 27, with Memorial service to follow. Meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following service.
- ◆ 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 was Saturday, April 20th.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Craig**  
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Craig 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: Yutan St. Peters UCC** (Yutan, NE 68073)

**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.

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

### 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 28, 2024

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

### Monday, April 29, 2024

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

### Tuesday, April 30, 2024

- 5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room

### Wednesday, May 1, 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, May 2, 2024

- 12:30pm The Basket Cases Craft Group
- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, May 3, 2024

- 11:00am Roberta Saalfeld Memorial & Luncheon
- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

### Saturday, May 4, 2024

No events scheduled

### Sunday, May 5, 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

**Inclement Weather Announcement**  
**In the event of dangerous weather during a church service or event, you will be instructed where to go for shelter at that time.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 5 - Confirmation Sunday
- May 12 - Mother's Day, Youth Flower Fundraiser
- May 13 - You can drop off items for the June Garage Sale (No TVs, computers or used car seats)
- May 19 - Pentecost; Graduation Sunday
- May 26 - Trinity Sunday, No Education Hour until fall
- May 27 - Memorial Day, office closed
- June 3-7 - Vacation Bible Camp, FUMC
- June 29 - Annual Garage/Bake Sale