



# FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, February 6 & Sunday, February 9, 2025  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

**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.**

Governing Council - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
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Kathy Leischner	Tammi Gotschall	Peg Meyer		
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Andree & Terry Hoeman, Co-Historians				
Bill Royer, Head Usher				

**Welcome to Worship at Federated!**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 & SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2025

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

PRELUDE

*It Is Well with My Soul*  
*Nearer, My God to Thee*  
Amanda Weeder, Piano

ARR. MATT LIMBAUGH  
ARR. MARILYNN HAM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Presbyterian Outlook

One: Jesus promises that when we gather, God is present.

**All: God is with us here. God is with us today.**

One: Let us praise our Creator, the Alpha and Omega, the Almighty saying,

**All: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”**

One: The Lord of hosts is here. Let us ground ourselves in worship.

**\* OPENING HYMN #2282 (SING THE FAITH) *I’ll Fly Away***

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Worship begins each week with a communal acknowledgement that we have failed the task set before us. God calls us to live our lives in the way of Jesus, who humbly and justly loved God and neighbor. We are called to set ourselves aside, to make the world a better place. Yet, because the salvation of the world is ongoing, we fall short. Let us confess our sins before our just and merciful Creator so that we may be free to live into our purpose again.

**All: Lord of hosts, Jesus of Galilee, Holy Spirit, forgive us for the ways we have fallen short. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we center ourselves. You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions. The world is full of violence, from the macro to the micro. Forgive us. Help us. We call on you, our beloved, our help, our God, our hope. Hear our silent confessions now.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Beloved, God hears us when we cry out. God knows our hearts, despite our failures, and treasures the beings that we are. You are forgiven. You are loved.

**All: We are forgiven. We are loved. Let us live in this peace and find the courage to try again to bring God’s kingdom into being, knowing that we will fail again but we are transformed by our small acts of trying. Amen.**

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**All: And also with you.**

One: Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

**\* HYMN #304 *Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)***

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

Choral Anthem

*All Who Believe*

LARSON

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Katie Claus, Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Gospel According to Luke 5 : 1 - 11

Pew Bible, NT, page 62

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

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - NICENE CREED (responsive reading)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
**maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,**  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
**through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSIVE HYMN #377 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (verses 1 - 3)**

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 (Contributions can be placed in box/plate by sanctuary entrance)

**\*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**

**Holy God, you are the source of all love, power and justice. Our world is broken, in need of your love, your light. Take these offerings and multiply them so they may bless others. Bless those who give and those who receive, that they may know you better. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN #2129 (STF)**

***I have Decided to Follow Jesus***

**\* BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*There is a Balm in Gilead*

ARR. ROBIN THOMAS

February 9 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Nominating Committee

February 16 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Personnel Committee

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, February 9, 2025

8:45am SALT - Adult Education Class, EC4  
9:00am Education Hour  
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11:15am Youth Ministry Committee Meeting  
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, February 10, 2025

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2  
4:00pm Diamond Dancers  
5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee Meeting  
5:00pm Special Olympics, Gym  
6:30pm Membership & Growth Committee Meeting  
7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

### Tuesday, February 11, 2025

7:00pm Personnel Committee

### Wednesday, February 12, 2025

11:30am Staff Meeting, AD4  
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online  
6:30pm H.I.S. Puppeteers, EC1  
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Thursday, February 13, 2025

5:00pm Special Olympics, Gym  
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, February 14, 2025

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

### Saturday, February 15, 2025

No Scheduled Events

### Sunday, February 16, 2025

8:45am SALT - Adult Education Class, EC4  
9:00am Education Hour  
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Center for Survivors Dueling Pianos Date Night with Fun Pianos!

Friday, February 14th at the American Legion #84  
5:30-7:30pm: Social (cash bar and heavy appetizers)  
7:30 pm: FUN PIANOS!  
To purchase tickets call the Center for Survivors at 402-564-2155  
Ticket cost: Advanced Purchase: \$40, Table of 8: \$300,  
Night of Event: \$50

## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ♦ Pray for the family of Mavis “Corrine” Waldman who passed away January 29. Mavis was a member here for many years before moving away in 2002.
- ♦ Please pray for Laura Porter as she is starting chemotherapy again.
- ♦ Pray for Cheryl Doeden as she recovers from emergency surgery. Cheryl is twin sister of Daryl Smith.
- ♦ Congratulations! Ella Kait King, daughter of Matthew and Kaitlyn was born on January 20th, 2025. Ella Kait is the great-granddaughter of John & Anita Hahn.
- ♦ **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: Omaha First Central Congregational UCC (Omaha, NE 68131)**

The **Social Concerns and Mission Committee** is asking for donations of peanut butter for the months of **January, February, and March**. A box is located in the northwest entryway off the Narthex. Thank you for your contributions to this program.

### **GOLDEN AGE PARKING**

The first three parking stalls facing the west in the north parking lot are reserved for mobility challenged congregants. Thank you.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Feb 8 - Men’s Fellowship Breakfast  
Feb 9 - Souper Bowl of Caring  
Feb. 18 - Boy Scouts Pancake Feed  
Feb 23 - Annual Congregational Meeting