



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, February 13 & Sunday, February 16, 2025
6th 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 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	
Georgia Behlen, <i>President</i> Bob Arp, <i>Vice President</i> Barb Sanderson, <i>Secretary</i>			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. <i>Pastor/Head of Staff</i> edward@federatedcolumbus.org	Stuart Gausman <i>Director of Music Ministry</i>
<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>	Brenda Sand <i>Christian Education Director</i> brenda@federatedcolumbus.org	Lee Augustin <i>Organist</i>
Pat Anderson	Chris Dixon	Terry Norris	Kathy Zywiec <i>Co-office Administrator, Social Media Coordinator</i>	Amanda Weeder <i>Accompanist</i>
John Lohr	Nila Novotny	Linda Wheatley	Antoneea Kriewald <i>Co-office Administrator</i>	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia <i>El Buen Pastor Fellowship</i>
Brenda Sand	Max Porter	Marilyn Vrana	Mark Baumann <i>Custodian</i>	Beatriz Garcia Lopez <i>Nursery Attendant</i>
Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons				
Kathy Leischner	Tammi Gotschall	Peg Meyer		
Barb Olson	Steve McClure	Joe Chin		
Lori Rine	Jesse Abrego	Brenda Wardman		
Andree & Terry Hoeman, Co-Historians				
Bill Royer, Head Usher				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 & SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2025

6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

PRELUDE

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

SPIRITUAL, ED. G. KALUZA

Plain Joy

G. YOUNG

Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

Jubilee

SHERMAN

Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

Nila Novotny, Membership & Growth

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Feasting on the Word

One: When we turn our hearts away from God and toward ourselves, putting trust in our own strength,

All: we become like a shrub in the desert, living in a parched, salty place.

One: When we trust in God, when our trust is God, we are like a tree planted by water.

All: Our roots go deep, we are ever-green; even in a drought we are not anxious, but bear fruit, full and beautiful, gifts of the God who made us.

One: Let us worship God.

*** OPENING HYMN #339**

Be Thou My Vision

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. So let us be honest and confess what separates us from God and our neighbors, trusting in God's constant desire to forgive and renew.

All: God of judgment and renewal, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always loved you and our neighbors as fully as you call us to love. We have failed to be good stewards of the air, the water, the animals, and the plants. We have turned away from you and toward our own self-interest. We have been shortsighted, and we are humbly sorry. Help us turn back to you, O Lord, to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots out toward water.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Because Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death do not have the last word!

All: Our faith is not in vain! Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor. Thanks be to God!

*** 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

BELLS OF JOY

Unending Praise

HELMAN

Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Nicole Miller, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Luke 6 : 17 - 26

Pew Bible, NT, page 64

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "IN DEFIANCE" BY JOHN VAN DE LAAR**

In defiance of corruption and falsehood, we commit to truth and integrity and we pray for honesty and uprightness to increase in our world.

In defiance of apathy and hatred, we choose to be proactive in love and we pray for understanding and peace to increase in our world.

In defiance of skepticism and cynicism, we embrace the mystery of faith and we pray for humility and wonder to increase in our world.

In defiance of self-interest and human arrogance, we celebrate God's salvation and we pray for compassion and faith to increase in our world.

In defiance of all that would oppose God's purpose among us,

we choose again to follow Christ, and we continue to pray, not just now, but at all times. Amen.

***RESPONSIVE HYMN #383**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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 One, bless and multiply these gifts we give as tokens of our trust in you. Use them to bless the poor, feed the hungry, and comfort those who weep; in Jesus' name. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN #388**

O Jesus, I Have Promised (verses 1 & 4)

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Postlude in E Minor

G. BLAKE

February 16 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Personnel Committee

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Monday, February 17, 2025

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

12:30pm ALL Staff Meeting, AD4
2:00pm Caregiver Support Group, Library
4:30pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Pancake Feed, FH
6:30pm Finance & Property Meeting, EC8

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

9:30am Morning Circle Group, FH
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 20, 2025

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

Friday, February 21, 2025

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, February 22, 2025

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, February 23, 2025

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

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for Cheryl Doeden as she recovers from emergency surgery. Cheryl is twin sister of Daryl Smith.
- ◆ Pray for Ryan Wilch, he had a stroke on Friday, 7th. Ryan is the nephew of Alison Wagner.
- ◆ Pray for Brenda Kallweit, she fell and broke her hip on Feb. 10th. She had surgery and is recovering.
- ◆ Pray for Jackie Marker, she had a stroke and is recovering.
- ◆ Pray for Margaret Trew as she is still recovering and now has COVID. Get well cards would be appreciated. Call the office for information.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Clarkson**

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Clarkson 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 Northwest Hills UCC (Omaha, NE 68134)**

Membership and Growth Committee is having our first Progressive dinner Friday February 28th. We are limiting the number to 25 (and you may be asked to bring one of the food items). If there is a lot of interest we may do a second event later in the year, so let us know your interest even if you can't attend this one.
Thanks for your help! Nila Novotny

KENYA TRIP—THANK YOU FEDERATED FAMILY!
Mary Sharpe knitted 46 hats for us to take to Kenya. Beth Sharpe helped sew the seams. Kathy Zywiec sewed 50 dresses and 40 shorts for children in Kenya. Federated members are now sponsoring 11 children for educational scholarships.
Thank you SO VERY MUCH to all the wonderful people of Federated! Sincerely, Katie & Julie

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb. 18 - Boy Scouts Pancake Feed
Feb. 23 - Annual Congregational Meeting
Feb. 28 - Progressive Dinner
Feb. 27 & March 2 - Wholeness & Healing Service, Communion, Hymn Sing
March 5 - Ecumenical Ash Wed, St. Luke's, 6:30 pm
March 9 - Daylight Savings Begins