



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Sunday, March 2, 2025**

**Transfiguration of the Lord, Commissioning of Mission Team, Service of Wholeness and Healing**

**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	
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> <a href="mailto:edward@federatedcolumbus.org">edward@federatedcolumbus.org</a>	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> <a href="mailto:brenda@federatedcolumbus.org">brenda@federatedcolumbus.org</a>	Lee Augustin <i>Organist</i>
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Brenda Sand	Max Porter	Marilyn Vrana	Mark Baumann <i>Custodian</i>	Beatriz Garcia Lopez <i>Nursery Attendant</i>
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Kathy Leischner	Tammi Gotschall	Peg Meyer		
Barb Olson	Steve McClure	Joe Chin		
Lori Rine	Jesse Abrego	Brenda Wardman		
Andree & Terry Hoeman, <i>Co-Historians</i>				
Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i>				

**Welcome to Worship at Federated!**

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27 AND SUNDAY MARCH 2, 2025

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TEAM, SERVICE OF WHOLENESS AND HEALING

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

PRELUDE

*Cantabile in E Flat*

GUILMANT

*The Lord Is My Light*

ARR. DECOU

Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Book of Common Worship (PCUSA)

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**All: maker of heaven and earth.**

One: God consoles us in all our affliction,

**All: so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction.**

One: For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us,

**All: so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.**

**\*OPENING HYMN SING**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Jesus said: Ask and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you

**All: For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.**

One: Friends in Christ, God knows our needs before we ask, and in our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace. Let us open our lives to God's healing presence, seeking peace with God and reconciliation with our neighbors. Let us confess to God whatever has wounded us or brought injury to others, that we may receive mercy and become for each other ministers of God's grace. Let us confess our sin together.

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: In Jesus Christ, we know God's forgiveness and peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share that peace with one another.

**\* HYMN STF #2152**

***Change My Heart, O God***

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Proclaim the Glory of the Lord*

ARR. SCHOEN

Stuart Gausman, Saxophone; Lee Augustin, Piano

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Stuart Gausman, Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*\*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 - Prayer Litany based on A. Lincoln's 2nd Inaugural Address (March 4, 1865) by Barbara B. & Ronald J. Feenstra**

Dear Lord, Just as President Abraham Lincoln wrestled to understand your will amid war, we too struggle to see your hand in our own troubled world.

**Conflicts, war, and suffering haunt so many in our day.**

As in Lincoln's time, Christians line up on opposite sides of important struggles. We pray for our side to prevail, sometimes without reckoning with valid claims of the other side.

**We try to enlist you in our cause rather than aligning ourselves with your will.**

We think we know what you want rather than acknowledging that your judgments "are true and righteous altogether."

**Forgive us, Lord, for our narrowness and selfishness.**

**Move in our hearts so that we will hold "malice toward none" and "charity toward all."**

Give us wisdom to see your righteous will and courage to "bind up" the wounds inflicted by the conflicts of our time.

**Above all, we ask, O Lord, that you will grant us "a just and lasting peace among ourselves" and with others. Amen.**

#### COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TEAM

**\* Commissioning Hymn No. 525                      Here I Am, Lord**

INTRODUCTION OF MISSION TEAM: OPERATION EDUCATION NAIROBI

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

**COMMISSIONING QUESTIONS**

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

CHARGE

#### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**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

**COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**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.**

**SERVICE OF WHOLENESS & HEALING**

BOOK OF WORSHIP (UCC)

THANKSGIVING OVER OIL

INVITATION TO ANOINTING

ACT OF ANOINTING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Contributions can be placed in box/plate by sanctuary entrance)

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

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**\* 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 DEDICATION**

One: When we have mountaintop experiences, where all seems clear and you seem close:

**All: Jesus, we will listen to you.**

One: When we descend into low places, when we cannot even see a way forward, and you seem distant:

**All: Jesus, we will listen to you.**

One: When we begin the journey of Lent, a time that bids us follow a path although unsure:

**All: Jesus, we will listen to you. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN STF #2173 Shine, Jesus, Shine**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Great Is the Lord*

M. SMITH

March 2 - Café LaFed will be hosted by Good Shepherd Hispanic Ministry

March 9 - Café LaFed will be hosted by Finance & Property

**THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH**

**Sunday, March 2, 2025**

- 8:45am SALT - Adult Education Class, EC4
- 9:00am Education Hour
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 4:00pm Fed @ Fed

**Monday, March 3, 2025**

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
- 4:30pm OSA Meeting
- 5:00pm Special Olympics

**Tuesday, March 4, 2025**

- 11:30am Staff Meeting
- 5:30pm Consonaires, Choir Room
- 6:30pm Christian Education Meeting
- 6:30pm Membership & Growth Meeting
- 7:15pm Worship & Music Meeting

**Wednesday, March 5, 2025**

- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study
- 6:30pm Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service

**Thursday, March 6, 2025**

- 12:30pm The Basket Cases Craft Group
- 5:00pm Special Olympics, Gym
- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

**Friday, March 7, 2025**

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

**Saturday, March 8, 2025**

- 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast

**Sunday, March 9, 2025**

- 8:45am SALT - Adult Education Class, EC4
- 9:00am Education Hour
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15am Youth Ministry 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.*

- ◆ Congratulations to Grant & Taryn Gotschall, as they welcome Miller Lea, born on February 13th. Miller Lea is the granddaughter of Jeff & Tammi Gotschall.

◆ **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: Plainview First Congregational UCC** (Plainview, NE 68796)

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

March 5 - Ecumenical Ash Wed, St. Luke's, 6:30 pm

March 8, 8:30am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

March 9 - Daylight Savings Begins