



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, March 6 & Sunday, March 9, 2025
1st Sunday in Lent

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.

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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY MARCH 6 AND SUNDAY MARCH 9, 2025

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

PRELUDE

Metamorphosis

PHILIP GLASS

The God of Abraham Praise

ARR. HAYES

Amanda Weeder, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP & GROWTH

Tim Warren

VIDEO

One Great Hour of Sharing: "Be the Light"

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

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One: Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

All: Who is my neighbor? How can I help? What do I have to learn? Where is God in it all?

One: Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

All: So may we listen. May we learn. May we stay curious, and may we look for God.

One: This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our holy God.

*** OPENING HYMN #367**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (verses 1 - 3)

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Our faith tells us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, but you and I know that is often easier said than done. Fortunately for us, prayer can be a tool for transformation. When we are honest before God and each other, we open the door to growth and change. So join me in the prayer of confession. Join me now, so that tomorrow, we will be even better at loving our neighbors as ourselves. Let us pray:

All: Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we get tripped up on logistics. We want to know: who is our neighbor? Do we have to love the stranger? Must we have compassion for our enemy? Forgive our human tendency to create exceptions in the face of love. Rewire our hearts so that we might see the face of a neighbor in every stranger we pass. With hope we pray, amen.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Family of faith, When we set limits on love,

All: God loves extravagantly.

One: When we forget that we are neighbors,

All: God claims us as God's own.

One: When we judge, hold back, or harm,

All: God surrounds us with grace.

One: There is nothing we can do or leave undone that could separate us from the love of God.

All: This is the good news of the gospel. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*** 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

CHORAL ANTHEM

Hope of the World

LARSON

Chancel Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist; Dana Augspurgen, Flute

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Riley Gausman, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Luke 10 : 25 - 37

Pew Bible, NT, page 71 - 72

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 BY REV. SARAH A. SPEED"

Church, if God asked you, "Who is your neighbor?" what would you say?

We would say, every child, every person, every weeping willow, and every morning lark. Every freckled face, every wrinkled pair of hands, every tail-wagging dog, and every crisp ripe apple.

We would say, we are connected—to one another, to all of God's creation. There are no strangers in God's house. We are all family here.

I think God would delight in that answer. For it is said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your strength,

with all your mind,

and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.

* RESPONSIVE HYMN

I Saw a Stranger (see insert for words and music)

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

Generous God, we offer these gifts in the spirit of light and with a heart full of gratitude for what we've been given. These offerings show our commitment to sharing with those in need, neighbors near and far, whom we are unlikely to meet. As we share, we shine the light of our faith with brothers and sisters we may never meet. Bless the gifts, just as you have us, with an extra measure of your grace. In Christ's name, Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN #408

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life (verses 1, 3 & 6)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ARR. HAYES

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

March 16 - Café LaFed will be hosted by the Personnel Committee

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

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THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, March 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, March 10, 2025

4:00pm Diamond Dancers
 5:00pm Special Olympics
 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

9:00am Girl Scout gathering
 11:30am Staff Meeting
 5:30pm Consonaires, Choir Room
 6:00pm PEO Chapter CH Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 13, 2025

2:00pm Piano Tuning
 5:00pm Special Olympics, Gym
 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, March 14, 2025

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, March 15, 2025

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, March 16, 2025

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

Columbus Rescue Mission Annual
Ladies Brunch

Saturday, April 5th, 9:30-11:30am.
 This year's event will be located at Highland Park
 Church, 4115 38th Street.
 Please call the Mission to RSVP.
 Chaplain Dave Porter
 402-563-1096

Let's help Habitat for Humanity!
WATER FOR WORKERS!

The **Social Concerns and Missions Committee** is asking for 24 packs of water to be donated for Habitat for Humanity. 24 packs of 24 bottles of water are needed for the summer build. If you would like to donate a 24 pack, please set it outside the office by **Friday, April 4th**. Thank you!



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.
- ◆ Pray for Operation Education Nairobi mission team: safe flights, airport connections and drives to destination and back; easy check at customs with the extra bags of gifts, clothes and crafts for families; stay healthy throughout the trip (March 6-17); approval from Kenyan government for NGO status to open bank account in Nairobi; for teachers, administrators, students and their families; God's guidance to people the team can share stories, encourage in faith and offer blessings. "We thank our Federated Church family for your prayers, blessings and support. We work for the Lord's Glory."
- ◆ Pray for Annette Griffith's brother, Michael Palik and (his wife) Robin. Doctors informed Michael that tumors have grown and spread. Michael and Robin live in Arkansas.
- ◆ Thoughts and prayers for Karen Senften. She had to put her dog and companion, Wilson of 14 years, to sleep on March 1, 2025.
- ◆ Pray for Gail Wurdeman, as she recovers from a fall she had on March 1st.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Dunbar**

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Dunbar 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: Ralston UCC** (Ralston, NE 68127)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 30 - Children's Sunday with Potluck



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

everything [in] between stranger & neighbor Luke 10:25-37

I Saw a Stranger

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Words by Anna Strickland, 2024

Music: English traditional, arranged by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

I saw a stran - ger on the road in need of help and
 I laid there des - perate by the road in need of help and
 In our em - brace the mem - o - ry re - turned from E - den's

care No clues to their i - den - ti - ty, just
 care As one by one they passed me by, too
 dust Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh, my

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 hu - man flesh laid bare A thought had flut - tered
 bu - sy or too scared Then one ap - proached and
 kin whom I can trust The ar - ti - fi - cial

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through my mind: "Is this one of my own?" My tri - bal mind
 my first thought was "Do they mean me harm?" To my sur - prise
 walls we build a - round the tribes we claim Make us for - get

made me for - get that they're bone of my bone
 they met my eyes and held me in their arms
 the gos - pel truth: "Be - lo - ved" is your name

BE THE LIGHT

You're here to be the light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. Matthew 5:14

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