



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, March 13 & Sunday, March 16, 2025
Second 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.

Governing Council - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
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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 MARCH 13 AND SUNDAY MARCH 16, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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

PRELUDE *Prelude in E Minor* BACH
The Lord is My Shepherd / Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us MEDLEY
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano
BELLS OF JOY *Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless* ARR. WISSINGER
Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come, all who are weary and distracted, burdened by many things.

All: We come to sit at the feet of Jesus, to listen, to learn, to be still in His presence.

One: In a world that demands our attention, Christ invites us to choose what is better.

All: We set aside our worries and cares, that we may focus on the one thing that truly matters.

One: Let us worship with open hearts, ready to receive the word of life.

**All: We come to worship, to rest in the love of our Savior, and to be transformed in His presence.
Amen.**

*** OPENING HYMN STF #2130** *The Summons (verses 1, 2 & 5)*

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Gracious God, we confess that we are often like Martha—distracted, anxious, and consumed by many tasks. We rush through our days, worrying about what must be done, failing to sit in Your presence and listen to Your voice. Forgive us when we prioritize busyness over being with You.

All: Like Mary, help us to choose the better way—to rest in Your word, to seek Your truth, and to trust that in You, all things hold together. Teach us to let go of our distractions and to center our hearts on what truly matters: loving You and abiding in Your presence. In Your mercy, quiet our restless spirits and draw us ever closer to You. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Hear the good news: In Christ, we are not defined by our distractions or anxieties. Jesus invites us to lay down our burdens and choose the better way—His way of grace, love, and peace.

All: In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and freed to sit in His presence.

One: Rejoice and rest in this truth: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Like Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus, may we find peace in His presence.

All: And like Martha, may we serve with joy, unburdened by worry.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with a sign of peace.

*** HYMN #333** *Seek Ye First*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

BELLS OF JOY *Kyrie* MOKLEBUST
Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Luke 10 : 38 - 42

Pew Bible, NT, page 72

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Bob Arp

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God, who calls us to both service and stillness, who welcomes us into sacred moments of learning, listening, and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who gently reminds us that the truest treasure is not found in our busyness, but in abiding in His presence.

He calls us, like Mary, to sit at His feet, to hear His words of life, and to choose the better way that will not be taken from us.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who moves among us, guiding us to balance our labor with devotion, our work with worship, and our doing with being.

We believe that in Christ, we find both purpose and peace, both calling and communion, and that when we rest in Him, we are made whole. Amen.

***RESPONSIVE HYMN** *Ministry and Presence (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 Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*** UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious and loving God, You call us to serve with willing hands and open hearts, yet You also invite us to sit at Your feet and listen. As we dedicate these gifts, our time, and our talents to You, help us to offer not only our work, but also our worship; not only our busyness, but also our being. May all that we give and all that we do bring glory to You and draw us closer to Christ, who is our teacher, our example, and our peace. In His name we pray. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN #324** *Open My Eyes That I May See*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Marche Héroïque

SAINT - SAENS

March 16 - Café LaFed will be hosted by the Personnel Committee
March 23—Café LaFed will be hosted by the Worship & Music Committee

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Monday, March 17, 2025

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting
7:00pm Personnel Committee, EC8

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

11:30am Staff Meeting
2:30pm Caregiver Support Group, Library
5:30pm Consonaires, Choir Room
6:30pm Finance & Property Meeting, EC8

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

9:30am Morning Circle, Marilyn Vrana's house
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm HIS Puppeteers Rehearsal
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 20, 2025

5:00pm Special Olympics, Gym
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary
7:00pm PLS - Boy Scout District Meeting, FH

Friday, March 21, 2025

10:00am Mavis Waldman Funeral
6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6
7:00pm Stuart's quartet rehearsal, Choir room

Saturday, March 22, 2025

10:00am Jane Ellefson Celebration of Life

Sunday, March 23, 2025

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 26 - Lenten lunch, Federated will be serving, Edward officiating

March 30 - Children's Sunday with Potluck

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.

- ◆ Pray for Annette Griffith's family. Her brother, Michael Palik, passed away March 13. Michael lived in Arkansas with his wife, Robin.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Pray for Michelle Bellum Goedeken and her family. Michelle's husband, Loren passed away on Monday, March 10th in Hebron, NE. Services are Friday, March 14th at the Methodist Church in Hebron.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Dennis Davis. Dennis is the brother-in-law of Randi and Doug Williams. He was diagnosed with cancer and is starting chemotherapy on Tuesday.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Fairbury**

We request prayers for our confirmation students have formed a group called Mission Possible whose mission is to provide reliable vehicles to local families in need. They gave away their first car last year and are poised to give away two more very soon. Also, our church and community are exploring the possibility of constructing a food and clothing pantry to combat food insecurity and poverty in our town and surrounding areas

- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Scribner First Congregational UCC**
(Scribner, NE 68057)

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

Ministry and Presence

EIN FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7 ("A Mighty Fortress is Our God")

Words by Anna Strickland, 2024

Music by Martin Luther, 1529



When Je - sus passed near Mar - tha's home she had no
Her sis - ter Ma - ry took a seat to spend time
He said, "You are both gifts to me with diff - erent



hes - i - ta - tion "Please treat my house like it's your own,"
with the tea - cher In - tent - ly listen - ing at his feet,
ways of be - ing. I won't take that from Ma - ry



she gave the in - vi - ta - tion She wan - ted all the best
his words drew her in dee - per But Mar - tha took of - fense
whose place is right here with me. You have no - thing to prove



To serve her hon - ored guest Her check - list grew and grew
At Ma - ry so con - tent With all there was to do
So let your heart be moved. Just one thing do I need:



Her time was all con - sumed With min - i - stry a - bound - ing
She need - ed Ma - ry too And asked for Je - sus' back - ing
To feel your love in deeds Of min - i - stry and pre - sence."

Children's Sunday

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH

9 AM: EDUCATION HOUR WITH BOUNCE HOUSES & GAMES

10 AM: WORSHIP WITH KIDS BELLS & YOUTH LITURGISTS

11 AM: 5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK

11:30 AM: BOUNCE HOUSES & GAMES

Let's Have Some Fun!

Easter Flowers Order Form

Flower & Price	Quantity	Total
Lily \$14.00		
Mum \$16.00		
Begonia \$17.50		

DONORS NAME: _____

TO GOD'S GLORY AND...
IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

PLEASE ORDER FLOWERS BY APRIL 6, 2025.
EASTER FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO GOD'S GLORY,
AND MAY ALSO BE DESIGNATED AS A MEMORIAL
AND/OR GIVEN IN HONOR OF SPECIAL PERSONS.
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO *FEDERATED CHURCH*.
PLEASE NOTE 'EASTER FLOWERS' ON THE MEMO LINE.

