



Thursday, March 20 & Sunday, March 23, 2025 Third Sunday in Lent

<u>Mission Statement:</u> 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 20 AND SUNDAY MARCH 23, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

PRELUDE

Contemplation

Mendelssohn ARR. HAM

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Amanda Weeder, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO

One Great Hour of Sharing: "Repairing the Breach"

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Worship is a place to rest.

- All: We breathe deeply here.
- One: We still our aching bones.
- All: We sit in the quiet.
- One: We surround ourselves with music.
- All: Worship is a place to rest.
- One: Worship is a place to grow.
- All: We listen for God's word.
- One: We invite it to challenge us.
- We lean in with curiosity. All:
- One: We ask questions.
- All: Worship is a place to grow.
- One: So come into this space. Come rest and grow here.
- For where two or more are gathered, God is always there. All:

One: Let us worship our gracious God.

* OPENING HYMN #455 All Creatures of Our God and King (verses 1, 3 & 5)

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- One: Holy God, there are days when we fail to rest.
- We stretch ourselves too thin. We say "yes" to every invitation. We run a million miles a minute. All: We ignore your command to rest.
- One: There are also days when we fail to act.

We wait for someone else. We take the easy road. We find excuses and justify our inaction. All:

One: God, forgive our imbalance.

Remind us that birds rest, and they also fly. Show us how to do the same. Amen. All:

* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

***** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Family of faith, I have good news! Our God does not keep score. Our God does not hold grudges. Our God does not assume the worst about us. No, our God offers grace, and endless second chances, and boundless love. So join me in proclaiming the good news of the gospel:

God's grace is deeper than the ocean. God's love is wider than the sky. We are seen. We are All: claimed. We are forgiven. May this realization change and inspire us. 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.

And also with you. All:

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

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

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise * UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION Generous God, we offer these gifts in the what we've been given. These offerings s neighbors near and far, whom we are unl faith with brothers and sisters we may ne extra measure of your grace. In Christ's n	spirit of light and with how our commitment t ikely to meet. As we sh ever meet. Bless the gift	a heart full of gratitude for o sharing with those in need, are, we shine the light of our
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Baptism * Welcome * Sing the Faith #2051 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

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;

Thanksgiving over the Water

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Sun.)

Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed **Questions to Parents & Congregation**

We believe that like the trees, some seasons are for growth, and some seasons are for rest.

We believe in a God who loves and tends to us like a gardener.

Some days require pruning, and some require planting. Fortunately, we believe that our green-thumbed God sees us and cultivates the sweetest fruit.

So may we plant roots, reach for the sky,

grow where we can, and rest when we need,

for we believe there is holiness in the pruning and in the planting.

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

Presentation: Hallie Luedtke, child of Wes & Connor Luedtke

And we do not grow alone. Thanks be to God, Amen.

Beneath the Soil (see insert for words and music) * RESPONSIVE HYMN

Amazing Love! How Can it Be

Pew Bible, NT, page 76

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

Edward Yang, Pastor

Chancel Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist Nicole Miller, Liturgist

LARSON

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Gospel According to Luke 13:1-9

All: Thanks be to God!

* HYMN STF #2152

CHORAL ANTHEM

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

***** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON

* CLOSING HYMN GTG #250 BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

In the Bulb There is a Flower (see insert for words and music)

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

ARR. THOMPSON

March 23 - Café LaFed will be hosted by the Worship & Music Committee March 30 - Café LaFed will be hosted by the Membership & Growth Committee

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Monday, March 24, 2025

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
- 4:00pm Diamond Dancers
- 5:00pm Special Olympics
- 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

- 11:30am Staff Meeting
- 5:30pm Consonaires, Choir Room
- 7:00pm Governing Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

- 11:30am Lenten Lunch4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
- 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm HIS Puppeteers Rehearsal
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 27, 2025

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

Friday, March 28, 2025

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, March 29, 2025

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, March 30, 2025

- 8:45am SALT Adult Education Class, EC4 9:00am Education Hour
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am 5th Sunday Potluck
- 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 Kevin Kallweit, he was recognized as the Outstanding Area Farmer, at the Chamber of Commerce Rural Recognition Banquet on Tuesday, the 18th.
- Congratulations to Alex & Liz Wachter who were married in Waterloo on March 8, 2025. Alex is the son of Rod & Cindee Wachter.
- Pray for Annette Griffith's family. Her brother, Michael Palik, passed away March 13. Michael lived in Arkansas with his wife, Robin.
- 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.
- Pray for Marilyn Vrana, she is having knee replacement surgery.
- Pray for Kathy Leischner as she recovers from hip surgery.
- Pray for Jeane Miller as she recovers from a fall and broken bones.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

<u>March 30</u> - Children's Sunday with Potluck <u>April 6</u> - Hymn Sing and Communion, Sunday Funday, Fed @ Fed <u>April 12</u> - Men's Fellowship Breakfast <u>April 13</u> - Palm/Passion Sunday <u>April 17</u> - Maundy Thursday Service <u>April 20</u> - Easter Sunday Service

Homestead Presbytery: Falls City

Please pray for the community of Falls City and the members of the Falls City congregation. Our last worship service will be Sunday, March 30. We are planning a day of worship, memories, joys and tears. Our congregation was organized in 1866 and it is very hard to accept that we can longer continue as a viable church. We have been supporters of Falls City during all that time and we hope to continue some programs. Our Community Diaper Closet will continue with the same volunteers and will be located in the First Methodist Church building. We plan to volunteer for the July Bloodmobile canteen and to host a community bagpipe concert during the annual Cobblestone Festival. We hope members of Homestead Presbytery will join us on March 30 for worship, dinner and a reception. We ask for your prayers as we remember our history and look forward to our new church homes.

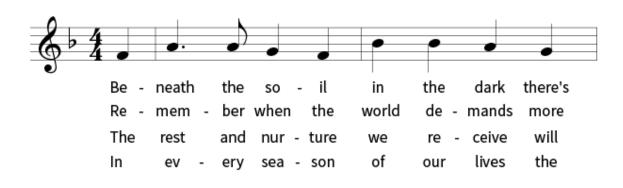
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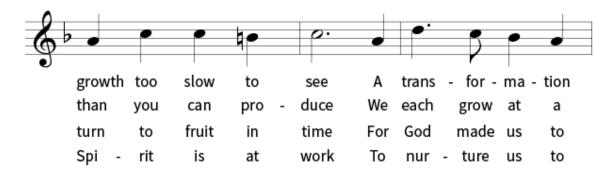
Beneath the Soil

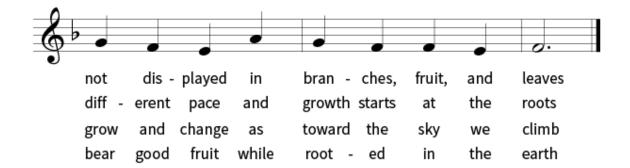
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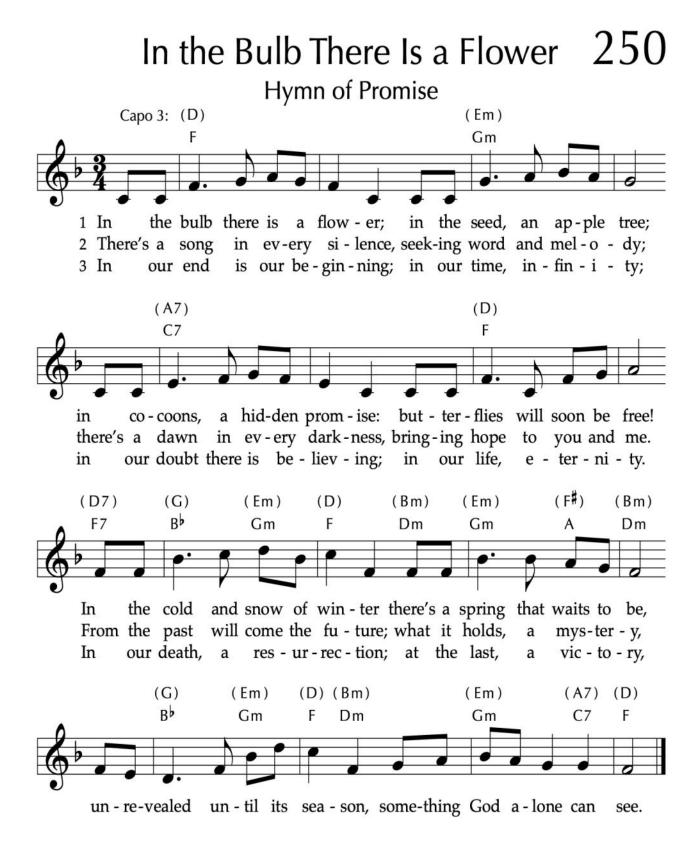
Words by Anna Strickland, 2024

Music by George Kirbye, 1592









The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning." Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.