



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, March 27 & Sunday, March 30, 2025
Fourth 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 27 AND SUNDAY MARCH 30, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

ARR. ANNA LAURA PAGE

Children's Medley

ARR. MARILYNN HAM

Amanda Weeder, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Our God is a shepherding God.

All: Our God knows us by name.

One: Our God will never stop searching for us. So if you feel lost,

All: then know that God is seeking you.

One: If you feel found,

All: then know that God will never leave.

One: This is the promise of scripture.

All: This is the promise of God's love.

One: Let us worship our with-us God.

*** OPENING HYMN #171**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (verses 1, 3 & 4)

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Friends, in the Christian tradition many have used "lost" and "found" labels to describe people "out there" versus people "in here." Many have used "lost" and "found" language to create a damaging dichotomy that Christians are found and non-Christians are lost. But the truth is, each and every one of us is a little bit lost and a little bit found from time to time. Each and every one of us needs the love of the Good Shepherd. So join me in the prayer of confession, as people who know both ends of that spectrum. Join me as we go to God in prayer:

One: If God is a painter,

All: let us be the brush.

One: If God is a musician,

All: let us be the song.

One: If God is an architect,

All: let us be the tools. Let us be the hands. Let us be the builders.

One: But if God is a shepherd, who never stops seeking,

All: Let us be willing to be found, no matter how lost we feel.

One: Our God is never far away.

All: Forgive us for forgetting this good news. Amen.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Family of faith, we are all a little bit lost and a little bit found. We grumble. We push back. We doubt God. We doubt ourselves. We leave the flock and lose our way. But fortunately for us, our God is a shepherding God who is always by our side. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

All: No matter how far we wander, we can never wander from the bounds of God's grace. We are loved. We are forgiven. We are not alone. 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 greet one another with a sign of peace.

*** HYMN STF #2152**

Change My Heart, O God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amazing Grace #280 (verses 1 & 3)
Children's Bells; Stuart Gausman, Director

ARR. EDWIN O. EXCELL

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Confirmants, Liturgists

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Luke 15 : 1 - 7

Pew Bible, NT, page 78

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in a seeking God, a with-us and before-us God, a chasing-after-us God.

We believe that no matter where we wander or what mountains we climb, this God—

the God who walked the streets of Jerusalem, shook hands with lepers,

patted children on the head, and told stories of love— is always close at hand.

So on the good days and the hard days, on the mountains and in the valleys,

we believe that we are always being found. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN**

Lost and Found (see bulletin 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 #387**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Lord's My Shepherd

ARR. HAM

March 30 - Café LaFed will be hosted by the Membership & Growth Committee
April 8 - Café LaFed will be hosted by Mike & Sharyn Beard, Marilyn Vrana & Toni Gumm

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, March 30, 2025

8:45am SALT - Adult Education Class, EC4
9:00am Education Hour
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am Potluck, Children's Sunday
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, March 31, 2025

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

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

11:30am Staff Meeting
5:30pm Consonaires, Choir Room
6:30pm Christian Education Meeting

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

11:30am Lenten Lunch
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm HIS Puppeteers Rehearsal
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 3, 2025

12:30pm The Basket Cases Craft Group, EC8
5:00pm Special Olympics, Gym
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, April 4, 2025

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, April 5, 2025

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, April 6, 2025

8:45am SALT - Adult Education Class, EC4
9:00am Education Hour
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am Sunday Funday
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary
4:00pm Fed@Fed, FH

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Fremont**

Fremont Presbyterian Church is asking for prayers in our search for a pastor. Our Interim Pastor has accepted another call. Also, prayers for the general health of the church would be very much welcome. Although we are seeing progress in the clean-up, our building is still suffering the effects of a car crash and fire in November 2023. We are hoping that soon the entire building will be back to pre-crash state. During the reconstruction, a task force has been focused on developing a childcare center. This is part of the 2025 Mission

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Congratulations to James and Jaime Ristow on the birth of their twins, Jayce Henrik and Jayci Anne Ristow. They were born March 3, 2025.
- ◆ 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 Kathy Leischner as she recovers from hip surgery.
- ◆ Pray for Jeane Miller as she recovers from a fall and broken bones.
- ◆ Pray for Marilyn Vrana as she recovers from knee replacement surgery.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 6 - Hymn Sing and Communion,
Sunday Funday, Fed @ Fed
April 8 - Boy Scout Troop 212 Pancake Feed
April 12 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
April 13 - Palm/Passion Sunday
April 17 - Maundy Thursday Service
April 20 - Easter Sunday Service

Strategy - in addition to volunteers serving at two Fremont elementary schools, providing dinner at the local homeless shelter (Care Corps) and a program for at-risk youth (Aspire for Greatness) once a month, as well as ongoing support for Calvin Crest Camp. We will continue to host the Summer Lunch Program along with the Backpack Program, both having started in 2012.

- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association:**
West Point Trinity UMC/UCC
(West Point, NE 68788)

Lost and Found

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D

Words by Anna Strickland, 2024

Music by B.F. White, 1844



In the flock I am sur-roun - ded by my sib - lings
The ho - ri - zon starts to brigh - ten as I quiet - ly
As I wan - der down the quar - ry a fa - mi - liar



and my friends Safe at home and feel - ing groun - ded with my
slip a - way I can feel my spi - rit ligh - ten with each
voice cries out It's my shep - herd search - ing for me; reck - less



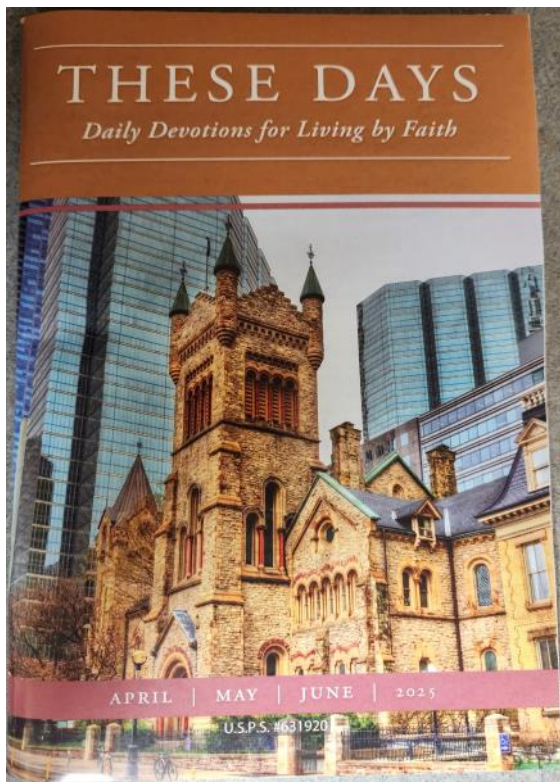
shep - herd to de - fend But an ach - ing, long - ing feel - ing
cau - tious step I take Un - fa - mil - iar paths un - fold - ing
love has tracked me down Though I left my place of re - fuge,



as the stars shine late at night Draws me in, my dreams
as ex - cite - ment blends with fear All cre - a - tion now
he has fol - lowed all a - long But I had to lose



re - veal - ing and I know I'm not quite right
en - folds me like the flock I hold so dear
my - self to find my - self where I be - long



April 13 - Palm / Passion Sunday Service

April 17 - Maundy Thursday Service

April 18 - Ecumenical Good Friday, Grace Episcopal Church noon service; Office closes at noon

April 20 - Resurrection of the Lord / Easter

April 27- Jazz Sunday

These Days second quarter books are available in the Narthex and office.

Love Repairs the Breach

In Isaiah 58, we are called to be repairers of the breach. Showing our love, sharing our love, is how we are repairing the breach in so many of our interactions in this world; opening the path to a new season of justice, freedom and peace.

“Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

You shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.”

—Isaiah 58

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PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM
Share your Bread with the Hungry



SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE
Loose the Bonds of Injustice



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE
Restore Streets to Live In