



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, April 3 & Sunday, April 6, 2025
Fifth 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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Kathy Leischner	Tammi Gotschall	Peg Meyer		
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Lori Rine	Jesse Abrego	Brenda Wardman		
Andree & Terry Hoeman, Co-Historians				
Bill Royer, Head Usher				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY APRIL 3 AND SUNDAY APRIL 6, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

PRELUDE

Jesus Calls Us

ARR. THOMPSON & HUGHES

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

BIZET

Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come to worship because we long for mercy.

All: We long for community. We long for God.

One: We come to worship because we need a good word.

All: We need connection. We need moral reminders.

One: We come to worship because we are in between:

All: hope and grief, faith and doubt, joy and longing, curiosity and conviction.

One: So we come to worship and God meets us here.

All: Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle! Amen.

*** HYMN SING**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Friends, our faith calls us to live with both mercy and righteousness. Somewhere along the way, however, we have forgotten that truth. Somewhere along the way, we began arguing about who deserves mercy and whether or not they had acted with enough righteousness to receive it. Fortunately, God does not act that way. No matter what mistakes we have made or wrong turns we've taken, God consistently meets us with mercy and invites us to try again. So let us lean into that good news, and go to God in prayer:

All: Merciful God,

When we fail to be righteous, show us mercy.

When we fail to be merciful, show us what is right.

Again and again, bring us closer to you.

Again and again, show us the way.

Amen.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Family of faith, hear and believe this good news:

When we fail to be righteous,

All: God is merciful.

One: When we fail to be merciful,

All: God invites us to try again.

One: Again and again,

All: God moves closer to us.

One: Again and again,

All: God shows us the way.

One: Thanks be to God for this unending love.

All: Amen.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Christ's love has no limits. It is given to all so we can be united as one in the body of Christ.
May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

*** HYMN STF #2193**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (sung twice)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

BURLEIGH

Steve Heinisch

MISSION REPORT

Bill Royer, Katie Claus, Julie Graham

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Kristen Gausman, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Luke 19 : 1 - 10

Pew Bible, NT, page 82

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

All: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

Edward Yang, Pastor

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In a world that loves to cast blame and point fingers, Jesus loved by different rules.

He offered mercy. He invited people to dinner. He told stories of love.

He chose to see the best in others.

We believe that small acts of mercy and compassion have ripple effects in our lives.

We believe that small acts of righteousness and justice are integral to a life of faith.

So like Christ, we believe in offering mercy, inviting people to dinner,

telling stories of love, and choosing to see the best in others.

With God's help, may it be so. Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN**

Righteous Mercy (see insert for words and music)

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.

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 #298**

There's a Wideness in God's mercy

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

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April 6 - Café LaFed will be hosted by Mike & Sharyn Beard, Marilyn Vrana & Toni Gumm

April 13 - Café LaFed will be hosted by the Social Concerns & Missions Committee

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.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Gresham**

Abba - Heavenly, gracious God - please give us a few moments of calm and serenity. Take away our anxiety. Allow us silence to listen for your voice and vision. Bless us on our journey through life with Your Spirit. Grant us the power to free those who need freedom, rescue those perishing, and bear the burdens of those beaten down by the world. May our future be Your future for Gresham and beyond. Amen

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association:**

Wisner United Methodist UCC

(Wisner, NE 68791)

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Monday, April 7, 2025

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

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

- 11:30am Staff Meeting
- 4:30pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Pancake Feed
- 5:30pm Consonaires, Choir Room
- 7:15pm Worship & Music Committee meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
- 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm HIS Puppeteers Rehearsal
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 10, 2025

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

Friday, April 11, 2025

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, April 12, 2025

- 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, April 13, 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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 18 - Good Friday, Ecumenical Service,

Grace Episcopal Church at noon,

Office closes at noon

April 20 - Easter Sunday Service

April 21 - Church office is closed

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

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Righteous Mercy

HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7 D ("Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus")

Words by Anna Strickland, 2023

Music by Rowland H. Prichard, 1830;
harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906



Since our child - hood you have taught us what is wrong
Though there's wide - ness in your mer - cy, let us not
Far too of - ten we hold on - to an - ger dressed



and what is right Nur - tur - ing our sense of
a - buse that grace Called in - to this Chris - tian
as righ - teous - ness We for - get we serve a

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jus - tice, fuel - ing us to work and fight Keep that
jour - ney, let our lives re - flect our faith When we
God who calls us to re - la - tion - ship So when

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fire for jus - tice burn - ing in the sha - dow
fal - ter and fall short of our com - mit - ment
those who caused us harm re - pent and choose a

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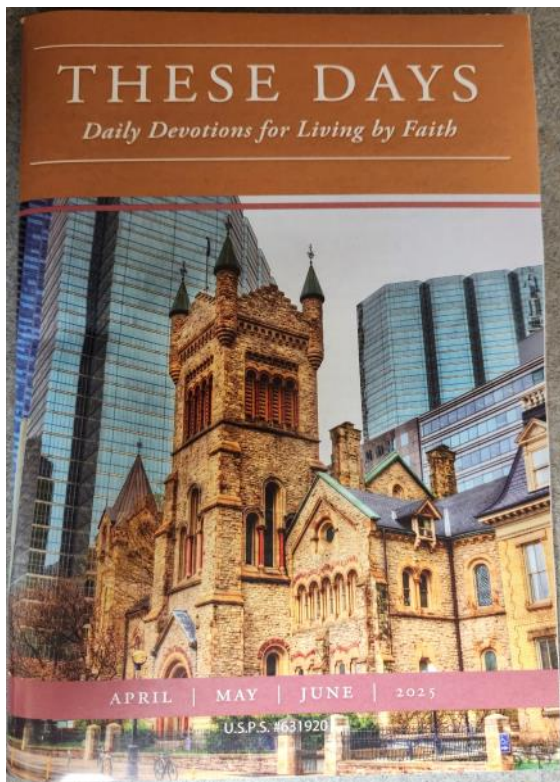


of our fear E - ven there your Spi - rit's stir - ring,
to your will Hold us, wrap - ping us in your love
bet - ter way Spi - rit move our venge - ful hearts

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light - ing us a path that's clear
as we work toward whole - ness still
to choose love in - stead of wrath



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



**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

Boy Scout Troop 212 Annual Pancake Feed



**Buttermilk Pancakes (made from scratch),
Also includes Sausages and Beverage.**

Tuesday

April 8, 2025

4:30 - 7:30 pm

**Federated Church
2704 15th Street**

Free will offering

Suggested Donation - Adults \$ 8.00 Kids (6-10) \$ 5.00

