



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**April 20, 2025  
Easter Sunday**

***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](http://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!**

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE

*Alleluia!*

MOZART

*The Strife Is O'er*

ARR. MILHAUD, SMITH

*Lift High the Cross - Come, Ye Faithful*

ARR. LOWE

Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO

This is Resurrection (Hyper Pixels Media)

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

A Sanctified Art

One: My dear friends, we have known grief. We have known loss. We have known the long road, tired and winding. We have whispered prayers on bended knees. We have stared at the sky, empty of stars.

But today—

**All: today we know hope.**

One: Today we know life.

**All: Today we know the sound of Alleluias.**

One: Today we know that death does not have the last word.

**All: Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.**

One: It is Easter. May hope find you. And may you know, deep in your bones, that today is a new day.

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

**\* OPENING HYMN #123**

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Faithful friends, today is a joyful day!

If I were to ask you what parts of today's service feel joyful, you'd probably say the music, the passing of the peace, the flowers in the sanctuary. You might say the children's sermon, or the crowded room. But it's unlikely that any of you would name the prayer of confession, because the prayer of confession has a reputation for being somber and serious.

But perhaps the prayer of confession can feel like a fresh page.

Maybe the prayer of confession can allow us to start again.

When we move closer to God, we are always met with grace, mercy, and abundant love.

And my friends, that is joyful. That feels like Easter, doesn't it?

So join me in the prayer of confession. It's a joyful day. That joy doesn't stop here.

The Gospel of Luke says: "It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told the apostles [of the resurrection]. But these words seemed to the disciples an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb."

**All: Forgive us, God, when good news lands in our lap and we refuse to believe it.**

**Forgive us, God, when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope.**

**Forgive us, God, when we dismiss the stories of others and minimize the voices of our neighbors.**

One: In a world that teeters between grief and hope, show us how to be like Peter.

**All: Show us how to hold onto hope. Show us how to run toward you. Amen.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Family of Faith, at first, the disciples didn't believe that Jesus had risen. They stayed locked in an upper room, shaking and afraid. Peter was the only exception. Fortunately, Jesus loves us on our best days and our worst days.

**All: God's grace exists for us when we are hopeful and when we're grieving, when we're shouting and when we're silent, when we're full of faith and when we're full of fear. God's grace exists for us on the best days, the worst days, and every day in between. Thanks be to God for this good news! Alleluia! 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.

**\* SING THE FAITH #2193                      *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (sung twice)***

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

CHORAL ANTHEM

*The Day of Resurrection*

Chancel Choir & Bell Choir; Director, Stuart Gausman;

Organ, Lee Augustin

Brass: Riley Gausman, Parker Grant, Dave Melick, Bronwyn Prokopec

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Paul Sanderson, Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Gospel According to Luke 24: 1 - 12

Pew Bible, NT, page 90

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

One: In the dark before dawn,

**All: we believe that God is alive.**

One: In the midst of our grief,

**All: we believe the Spirit is at work.**

One: In the chaos of our broken world,

**All: we believe that love is on the loose.**

One: For no stone could keep God at bay,

**All: and no violence could keep God's love from us.**

One: So today we sing,

**All: Alleluia!**

One: For somewhere in between our belief and doubt,

**All: hope lives.**

One: Christ has died,

**All: and Christ has also risen. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\* RESPONSIVE HYMN #118**

*The Day of Resurrection*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who are 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**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Contributions can be placed in the box/plate by the 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**

We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our lives be proof of that good news. Let all our words and actions, our love and service bear witness to your resurrection power; for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

\* **CLOSING HYMN # 119**

*The Strife Is O'er*

\* **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Up from the Grave He Arose!*

ARR. BABCOCK/VOSS

April 27, 2025 Café LaFed is hosted by Linda Wheatley  
May 4, 2025 Café LaFed - Confirmation Sunday, Christian Education



**JOIN US  
ON  
SUNDAY,  
APRIL 27th  
10 AM SERVICE**

**COLUMBUS  
JAZZ  
ENSEMBLE**



## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for Margaret Trew as she is recovering from an infection.
- ◆ Pray for Jean Royer who will be having knee surgery on Monday, April 21st.
- ◆ Congratulations on the birth of Marek James Griffith. Marek was born on March 5, 2025 and is welcomed by his parents Michael & Rachael Griffith and big sister Lena. Marek is the grandson of Annette & Bob Griffith.
- ◆ Congratulations on the birth of Bennett Kay Kistner. Parents Caleb & Skylar Kistner and big brother Tripp welcome Bennett who was born on April 7, 2025. Bennett is the granddaughter to Terry & Renee Norris.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Hickman**  
At Hickman Presbyterian Church, we are thankful for our dedicated staff and volunteers who continue to make it possible for us to serve our community in ways that are part of our tradition and in ways that are new. We are thankful for the families who are engaged in our Wednesday evening Community Meal and Youth Club. We ask for prayers for energy and wisdom to continue to find ways to engage our congregation and our community with the good news of God's love.
- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Albion**  
Congregational UCC (Albion, NE 68620)



If you purchased a flower for the Easter service, you are welcome to take home the type of flower you purchased. All plants left after service will be donated to local retirement homes.

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, April 20, 2025

10:00am Sunday Worship Service  
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, April 21, 2025

7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH  
7:00pm Personnel Committee, AD2  
7:00pm Circle 4 Meeting, EC4

### Tuesday, April 22, 2025

11:30am Staff Meeting, office  
5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room  
6:30pm Governing Council Meeting, FH

### Wednesday, April 23, 2025

6:30pm Bells of Joy Rehearsal  
6:30pm Puppeteers Rehearsal  
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 24, 2025

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

### Friday, April 25, 2025

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

### Saturday, April 26, 2025

No Scheduled Events

### Sunday, April 27, 2025

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 21 - Church office is closed

April 27 - Jazz Sunday

May 4 - Confirmation Sunday

May 11 - Mother's Day, flower sale

May 18 - Graduation Sunday,  
Teacher & Student Appreciation

May 26 - Memorial Day, Church office closed

June 2 - 6 - Vacation Bible Camp

The **Social Concerns and Mission Committee** is asking for donations of **paper towels & toilet paper** for the months of **April, May, & June** for the **Center For Survivors**. A box is located in the northwest entryway off the Narthex. Thank you for your contributions

# Easter Flowers Given By...

**BOB & WILMA ARP**

IN MEMORY OF JACK & DELORES ARP  
AND JOHN & ANNABELLE WARNER

**DONNA AUGSPURGER**

IN MEMORY OF ROGER AND  
IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

**GEORGIA BEHLEN**

IN MEMORY OF ROD, JACOB & BEN

**FRED & RENEE BELLUM**

IN MEMORY OF LOREN GOEDEKEN

**CHRIS & GARY BOCK,**

**TRAVIS & JOLENE BOCK AND FAMILY,  
AND TIFFANY SMITH AND FAMILY,**  
IN MEMORY OF ELEANOR LOSHBAUGH

**CHRIS & LAURETTA DIXON**

IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN,  
GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN

**BEVERLY FRY**

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD FRY  
AND OUR PARENTS

**DAVID & RAE FULTON**

IN MEMORY OUR PARENTS,  
WILSON AND GERTRUDE FULTON,  
RAYMOND AND ALVENA HENRY

**ANTONIO & TRINIDAD GARCIA LOPEZ**

**CYNDI & JERRY JARECKE**

IN MEMORY OF JIM UHLMANN

**SHARON KUNCL**

IN MEMORY LARRY KUNCL, MY PARENTS,  
MY BROTHER AND HIS TWO YOUNG CHILDREN

**RUTH LIND**

IN MEMORY OF THE LIND FAMILY,  
HEINEN FAMILY AND CHARLEY ACKERMAN

**JACKIE & STEVE MARKER**

IN MEMORY OF MARLYN & JOAN WURDEMAN,  
GERALD & DOLORES MARKER  
AND SHERI BOSTIC

**STEVE & SUSAN MCCLURE**

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS,  
GERALD & RUTH MCCLURE  
AND H.G. & DORIS CRECELIUS

**JOHN & LINDA MCPHAIL**

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS,  
MR & MRS. JACK MCPHAIL AND  
DR. & MRS. DONALD JACKSON

**JOHN & NILA NOVOTNY**

IN MEMORY OF JACK & DOROTHY MOORE  
AND GENE & MARIE NOVOTNY

**ERVIN & KAREN PABEN**

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

**RICK & LAURA PORTER**

IN MEMORY OF PAT & ROSEAN PORTER,  
RICHARD & BENITA LAMBERT

**DEANNA SCHEIDEGGER & FAMILY**

IN MEMORY OF SAM SCHEIDEGGER

**STEVE & ROGALYN STEVENS**

IN MEMORY OF BURTON & MAZIE STEVENS,  
ROY & VIRGINIA RUSSELL

**BOBBIE UHLMANN**

IN MEMORY OF ALFRED ANDERSON

**ROD & CINDEE WACHTER**

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS,  
WILLIS & VERONA WACHTER AND  
M.D. & SANDEE LINDE

**ALISON WAGNER**

IN MEMORY OF CALVIN WAGNER,  
MY PARENTS AND  
DICK & JUDY TEMME

**EDWARD & SUNNIE YANG**

IN MEMORY OF REV. JANE ELLEFSON