



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, April 24 & Sunday, April 27, 2025
Second Sunday of Easter

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	
Georgia Behlen, <i>President</i> Bob Arp, <i>Vice President</i> Barb Sanderson, <i>Secretary</i>			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. <i>Pastor/Head of Staff</i> edward@federatedcolumbus.org	Stuart Gausman <i>Director of Music Ministry</i>
<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>	Brenda Sand <i>Christian Education Director</i> brenda@federatedcolumbus.org	Lee Augustin <i>Organist</i>
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Brenda Sand	Max Porter	Marilyn Vrana	Mark Baumann <i>Custodian</i>	Beatriz Garcia Lopez <i>Nursery Attendant</i>
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, <i>Co-Historians</i>				
Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i>				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, APRIL 24 AND SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

NEWTON

I Know Whom I Have Believed

ARR. HAYES/ICENOGLÉ

Columbus Jazz Ensemble: Keith Byrkit, Piano, Riley Gausman, Trumpet

Stuart Gausman, Tenor Sax, Larry Mares, Alto Sax,

Tom Pennington, Drums, Riley Salak, Trombone, Jan Zaura, Bass

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Feasting on the Word

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!

All: Celebrate God in all places under heaven

One: Give praise for God's mighty deeds!

All: Give praise for God's resurrecting power!

One: Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

All: Praise God with the harp and the cello!

One: Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

All: Praise God with flutes and guitars!

One: Praise God with cymbals and drums!

All: Let everything with life and breath praise God!

*** OPENING HYMN #104**

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: When we keep our fears and faults locked up inside us, it is hard to be healed and receive new life. So let us open ourselves to God in confession, trusting the Lord's desire to give us peace.

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life.

All: As God's own forgiven people, let us bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

*** 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

JAZZ BAND

This Little Light of Mine

ARR. HAYES

Columbus Jazz Ensemble; Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Katie Claus, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to John 20 : 19 - 31

Pew Bible, NT, page 115

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Brenda Sand

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children,

healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts,

forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal

* RESPONSIVE HYMN #122

Thine Is the Glory

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

God gives new life to all that is, including ourselves and all that sustains us. So let our tithes and offerings be our songs of praise and thanksgiving in response to the God who loves us and frees us.

(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.**

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

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*** UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy One, bless our offerings and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the disheartened, courage for the frightened, and faith for the embittered. In the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful witness, the first resurrected, and ruler of the sovereigns of the earth. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN #376**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (verses 1 & 4)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

April In Columbus

GAUSMAN

April 27 - Café LaFed will be hosted by Linda Wheatley
May 4 - Café LaFed will be hosted by the Christian Education Committee

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, April 27, 2025

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

Monday, April 28, 2025

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
4:00pm Diamond Dancers, Gym
4:30pm Order of St. Andrew Committee
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

11:30am Staff Meeting
1:00pm PEO Bridge Marathon Party, FH
5:30pm Consonaires, Choir Room

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

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

Thursday, May 1, 2025

12:30pm The Basket Cases Craft Group, EC8
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, May 2, 2025

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, May 3, 2025

No events scheduled

Sunday, May 4, 2025

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

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for the family of Dylan Wall. Dylan passed away on April 22nd. Funeral services will be held at Federated Church on April 30th, with a gathering in the Fellowship Hall after the service.
- ◆ Pray for Jean Royer who is recovering from knee surgery.
- ◆ 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: Laurel**

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Laurel congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association:**

Arlington Community UCC (Arlington, NE 68002)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 30 - Dylan Wall funeral 10:30 am

May 4 - Confirmation Sunday

May 11 - Mother's Day, flower sale

May 18 - Graduation Sunday, Appreciation of Teachers and Students

May 26 - Memorial Day, church office is closed

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