



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, January 29 & Sunday, February 1, 2026
4th Sunday after Epiphany

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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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29 & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

4th Sunday after Epiphany

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

PRELUDE

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
Adagio from Fantasia in C
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
Lee Augustin, Piano

ARR. HAYES

C. FRANK

ARR. DECOU

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Presbyterian Outlook

One: Lord, we come into your sanctuary with eagerness.

All: May we hear your call and speak your truth.

One: Lord, we come to abide with you in love.

All: Gather us in honest and faithful community.

One: Lord, prepare us to be people of hope and grace.

All: Kindle in us courage to live as brave and faithful disciples.

One: Let us worship our God together in this holy place.

* HYMN SING WITH BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: With what shall I come before the Lord? We come, knowing we've lived imperfectly, knowing we need forgiveness, and we ask what we could possibly offer for such a gift. But when we come in honesty and repentance, we find a God who is ready to love, ready to forgive, and ready to renew us as children of God. Trusting in that grace, let us confess our sin, first together and then in silent prayer.

All: Merciful God, we come before you in confession. You have showered us with blessings, but we hoard those gifts, refusing to share with our neighbors in need. You have given us freedom to live justly, but we choose to oppress and judge others. You have called us to live in peaceful community, but we sow discord and breed fear among ourselves. Forgive us. Soften our hearts and open our minds to hear your call. Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely, and walk in your way each and every day.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The mercy of the Lord is deeper than the depths of the sea and wider than the whole of the earth. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ,

All: we are forgiven, healed and made whole. Alleluia. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, a peace the world cannot give."

Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

* HYMN # 304

Jesus Loves Me (verse 1)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC VIDEO

Blessed Be Your Name

iWorship

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

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SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 5 : 1 - 12

Pew Bible, NT, page 4

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH (FORM OF A DOXOLOGY):**

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,

God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

**You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.**

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.**

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,

**to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.**

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,

your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN STF #2155**

Blest Are They

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE 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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Contributions can be placed in box/plate by sanctuary entrance)

And now, let us return to God what is ours to share. Let us give joyfully.

*** 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**

**Gracious God, thank you for the many blessings of our lives. Bless these gifts we give today.
May they be used to bring about justice and joy for those who need them most. Amen.**

*** CLOSING HYMN STF #2197**

Lord of All Hopefulness (verses 1 & 4)

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

May You Run and Not Be Weary

HANSON / MURAKAMI

February 1 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Foundation Board of Directors

February 8 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Nominating Committee

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, February 1, 2026

8:45am SALT- Adult Sunday Class, EC4

9:00am Education Hour, EC rooms

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, February 2, 2026

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2

2:00pm OSA Cooking

5:00pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

1:30pm Cries of the Spirit

5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room

6:00pm Christian Education Committee

7:00pm Worship & Music Committee

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

11:30am Staff Meeting, office

4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online

6:30pm Puppeteers Practice/Meeting

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir room

Thursday, February 5, 2026

12:30pm The Basket Cases Craft Group

5:00pm Special Olympics School Age, gym

6:30 pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, February 6, 2026

No events scheduled

Saturday, February 7, 2026

8:00am Kitchen Clean Up

Sunday, February 8, 2026

8:45am SALT- Adult Sunday Class, EC4

9:00am Education Hour, EC rooms

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:15am Youth Ministry Committee

Have you ever wondered how you can help extend our worship beyond the walls of our church? Would you like to help those who are unable to attend our services in person? If so, then you may enjoy joining our A/V team - no "technical skills" needed! And you don't need to commit to every Sunday. Please contact Pastor Edward or Tim Rathje for more information.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery:** Hebron

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Hebron 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:** Omaha Countryside Community Church UCC (Omaha, NE 68114)

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for the family of Rodney Mihulka uncle to Alison Wagner. Rodney passed January 14 in Bremerton, WA.
- ◆ Pray for Shelia Arasmith. Shelia was recently diagnosed with late stage lymphoma and began chemotherapy.
- ◆ Congratulations on the birth of Elizabeth Josephina Rohaus, born on January 18, to Ricky & Heather Rohaus. Grandparents are John & Debbie Curry.
- ◆ Congratulations on the birth of Troy James Zumwalt, born on January 16, to Tyler Zumwalt & Jenna Mares. Grandparents are Larry & Sue Mares.
- ◆ Pray for Marv Zoucha who is having knee replacement surgery on February 3.
- ◆ Please pray for Terry Griffith, brother of Janet Lyon, Connie Spohn, Debbie Wasco, Cola Hahn, and Bob Griffith. Terry lives in Centerville, MA and is scheduled for triple bypass surgery on February 3rd.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb. 7 - Kitchen Clean Up

Feb. 8 - Souper Bowl of Caring

Feb. 14 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Feb. 18 - Ash Wednesday