



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, March 5 & Sunday, March 8, 2026
3rd 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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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, MARCH 5 & SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

PRELUDE *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded with Beethoven's Symphony No. 7, 2nd Movement* ARR. HAM
O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus ARR. SHACKLEY
What Wondrous Love is This/The Love of God ARR. HALBERG
Amanda Weeder, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO "What is One Great Hour of Sharing?" (UCC)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sanctified Art

One: If you need good news,

All: settle into this space. We have good news to share.

One: If you need a word of hope,

All: then trust us when we say, there is hope enough to go around.

One: If you need a glimmer of joy,

All: then you're in luck! We have resilient joy abounding.

One: If you need to feel God's presence in your midst,

All: then know that this is God's house.

One: This is the good news of the gospel.

All: God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move. Let us worship our with-us God!

* OPENING HYMN # 343

Called as Partner's in Christ's Service

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Friends, we are like the disciples. The day that Jesus fed 5,000, his disciples could not imagine a solution to the crowd's hunger. They told Jesus to send the crowds away. We often do the same. Like the disciples, we try to follow Jesus around, but when we run into issues, we often cannot imagine how we could play a part. That is why we need the Prayer of Confession. For in this prayer, we remember that we can make a difference. So friends, join me in this moment of truth telling. Join me in prayer:

All: Holy God, with you the impossible is possible. 5,000 can be fed. The blind can see. The hopeless can find hope. With you the impossible is possible, but we are quick to forget that. We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done. We forget that you empowered the disciples to feed the crowd. We forget that you are always with us. Forgive our small-minded ways. Forgive us for doubting that change could ever come. But even more so, forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

* WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Family of faith, no matter how many mistakes the disciples made, Jesus still washed their feet. Jesus still fed them. Jesus still called them beloved. The same is true for you and me, so hear and believe this good news:

All: today is a new day, and once again, we belong to God. We are forgiven. We are called. We are not alone. What good, good news. Amen!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May we be people of wholeness and peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Please share God's peace with one another.

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

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* HYMN STF # 2152

Change My Heart, O God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

CHORAL ANTHEM

Lenten Meditation

- ALTHOUSE

Chancel Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kristen Gausman, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Mark 6 : 32 - 44

Pew Bible, NT, page 41

Letter to the Ephesians 3 : 20 - 21

Pew Bible, NT, page 193

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – “OUR LOVE OFFERING TO THE WORLD” LITANY FROM UCC

When communities are impacted by disaster,

Our love offering is comfort, provision and a hand to rebuild.

When people are displaced,

Our love offering is shelter, nourishment and safety.

When groups are afflicted by prejudice, economic hardship,
or difficult circumstances beyond their control,

Our love offering is empowerment, strength to rise and dreams for a better future.

Our love offering is

loving our neighbor, next door and on the other side of the world.

Our love offering is

not just for this hour, but forever. Amen.

* RESPONSIVE HYMN

Human Minds Just Can't Imagine (see 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)

* LENTEN DOXOLOGY

Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of compassion, we praise you that you look upon our lives with love and understanding, and that you desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ. We are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life. By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be bold in Christ's service. Take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN # 435

We All Are One in Mission

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Lord Most Holy

ARR. GAIL SMITH

March 8 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Finance & Property Committee

March 15 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Personnel Committee

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, March 8, 2026

8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer
8:45am SALT- Adult Sunday Class, EC4
9:00am Education Hour, EC rooms
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15am Youth Ministry Committee

Monday, March 9, 2026

5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee
5:00pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
6:00pm Membership & Growth Committee
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

6:30pm Puppeteers Practice/Meeting
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir room

Thursday, March 12, 2026

9:00am Springs & Sprouts
5:00pm Special Olympics School Age, gym
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, March 13, 2026

6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study

Saturday, March 14, 2026

8:00am Private Bridal Shower
10:00am Girl Scouts Meeting

Sunday, March 15, 2026

8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer
8:45am SALT- Adult Sunday Class, EC4
9:00am Education Hour, EC rooms
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

2026 Rescue Mission Meals

Federated Church delivers meals to the Rescue Mission the second Friday of each month. The new Rescue Mission is located in the old Mory's Haven, on 15th Street and 12th Avenue. Meals should consist of a main dish, a salad or vegetable and bread or rolls. Dessert is not necessary but always appreciated. Suggestions include tacos, soup, sloppy joes, casseroles, spaghetti, lasagna, pizza, burritos, enchiladas, or whatever you'd like to take. Because you need to plan for 25 people, it is a good idea to pair up with someone. The meal should be there by 5:00 p.m.

Please sign up for 2026 in the Narthex. Thank you. Please be a part of this important ministry! There are 5 open months left, **April through August.** Thank you, Social Concerns and Missions Committee

◆ **Homestead Presbytery:** Lincoln Fourth

As we begin 2026, we are excited for the many opportunities to continue to try to meet the needs of our community and our congregation. Most recently we received a grant from the American Heart Association for 2 AEDs as well as CPR certification for a handful of our leaders. In the coming months we will be working with the Lincoln Fire Department to offer several hands only CPR training events as well as sudden cardiac drills around our building. Continued prayers are appreciated for wisdom, faithfulness and energy as we continue to live into our calling!

UCC Living Waters Association: Ralston UCC (Ralston, NE 68127)

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for Val Rathje as she is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- ◆ Pray for Herman Lauterbach as he is recovering from spinal surgery.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Ladonna Rathje, mother of Tim & Val Rathje and grandmother of Hailey Rathje. Ladonna passed on February 27. A memorial service will be held on March 21 in Marshall, Minnesota.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Margo Zywiec, sister-in-law to Kathy Zywiec. She was just diagnosed with a heart blockage and will be having surgery.

We want to wish a Happy Birthday to Wilma Arp on 3/10, Charles Whitney on 3/26 and Gail Wurdeman on 3/26. We sincerely apologize we missed you in the March Newsletter and birthday recognition. We hope you have a Happy Birthday!

Thank you to those who volunteered their time to deliver Meals on Wheels this past week.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Now through March 22 - T-SHIRT orders taken
March 21 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
March 22 - Cake Picnic
March 29 - Palm/Passion Sunday; Children's Sunday;
5th Sunday Potluck

Human Minds Just Can't Imagine

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7 D ("God Whose Giving Knows No Ending")

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: Joseph Haydn (1797)



Hu - man minds just can't i - ma - gine all that God can bring
God, ex - pand our dreams and vi - sion when we think our gifts
Like the grains of wheat are ga - thered from the vast and roll -



to bear Through our small and sep - arate be - ings, e - ven
too small Help us trust your great pro - vis - ion and to
-ing fields Like the grapes from vi - ny bran - ches whose small



when we join to share Still we fol - low where Christ leads us,
an - swer when you call You who gave us time and ta - lents
fruit the wine will yield We re - mem - ber as one bo - dy,



ma - ny pie - ces of one whole That we might al - low
will up - hold and see us through As we join to - geth -
each of us a cru - cial part In the glo - bal church



our dream - ing to trans - form our bro - ken world
-er in the work you've gi - ven us to do
pro - fess - ing: we be - long to God's own heart



What is One Great Hour of Sharing?

For over 75 years, the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS) has been helping Christians bring God's hope and

healing to hurting people both in the US and around the world. OGHS's mission is to support domestic and international development, fight poverty and its consequences, bring aid and relief to communities torn by war or ravaged by national disaster, provide advocacy and resettlement assistance for refugees and displaced persons, and combat injustice in its many forms. OGHS provides funding and hands-on assistance in collaboration with local and international partners. Each year, OGHS is gathered by several denominations and Church World Service (CWS) under a single theme developed by the ecumenical OGHS Committee.

Thank you for supporting One Great Hour of Sharing for over 75 years. You continue to embody a love offering to the world. (Learn more at www.ucc.org/oghs)



Easter Flowers

Please **order flowers** by **March 15th**. Easter Flowers are given to God's glory, and may also be designated as a memorial and/or given in honor of special persons.



	Quantity	Total
Lily - \$14.00		\$
Mum - \$17.50		\$
Begonia - \$17.50		\$
Grand Total - due to church office by March 15th		\$

Plants purchased elsewhere are welcome. Please label it with your name.

Donor Name(s) _____

To God's glory and in memory of _____

To God's glory and in honor of _____

Please return this form and payment to church office by March 15th. Make checks payable to Federated Church. Please note 'Easter Flowers' on the memo line.