



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, March 12 & Sunday, March 15, 2026
Fourth 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.

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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 & SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

PRELUDE

Just As I Am - Take My Life and Let it Be

ARR. HAM

The Old Rugged Cross

ARR. INNES

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

BIZET

Lee Augustin, Piano

BELLS OF JOY

Lenten Prayers

CUSTER

Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director; Lee Augustin, Accompanist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAKE PICNIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Tim Warren, Membership & Growth

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sanctified Art

One: God loves the field mouse.

All: God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.

One: God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

All: God loves the child who rocks and claps.

One: God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

All: God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.

One: God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

All: God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens, standing strong over all of us.

One: God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

All: There is no bit of creation that God does not love.

One: So let us worship this good-news God!

All: Amen.

* OPENING HYMN # 293

This is My Father's World

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Family of Faith, every week we pray the Prayer of Confession, because every week we need to be reminded of God's abundant grace. Every week we need to be reminded of God's love. Every week we need to be reminded that we too can grow and change. So join me in this moment of honesty as we seek transformation. Friends, let us pray:

One: God said, "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them."

All: Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.

One: Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

All: We confess, we have clung to guns and war more than we have pursued peace.

One: God said, "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow."

All: We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors.

One: Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them."

All: We confess, we have gatekept the good news in unfair ways.

* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

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

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*** WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Fortunately for all of us, God also said, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine."

All: By God's grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved. May this good news change our lives! 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.

*** HYMN STF # 2152**

Change My Heart, O God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

BELLS OF JOY

Aria for Handbells

WOOD

Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director; Lee Augustin, Accompanist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Peg Meyer, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 19 : 13 - 15

Pew Bible, NT, page 21

Deuteronomy 24 : 17 - 22

Pew Bible, OT, page 179 - 180

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Julie Graham

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Federated Church Mission Statement and Vision Statement**

We are called to nurture growing relationships with God by following the example of Jesus Christ.

We are led by the Holy Spirit to become disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are called to bring God's message of hope and transformation to all.

We seek to be immersed in God's immense gifts of generosity that we can be about the work of the neighborhood.

We are called to offer extravagant welcome in the name of Jesus Christ.

We seek to have time and energy for the common good.

We are called to change the lives of individual, families, communities and the world.

We seek to provide a church home that embraces diversity, builds community, and calls to love our neighbor.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN**

See the Precious Children (see insert for words and music) (verses 1 & 5)

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**

Take these gifts, O God, for the work of this church. Let them stand as signs of your love and faithfulness. In the name of the one who gave himself for us, we pray. Amen.

* **CLOSING HYMN # 358**

Help Us Accept Each Other

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

It's Me, O Lord, Standing' in the Need of Prayer

SPIRITUAL

March 15 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Personnel Committee

March 22 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Worship & Music Committee

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Monday, March 16, 2026

5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee
5:00pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
5:00pm Personnel, Committee, AD2
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

11:30am Staff meeting, office
2:30pm Caregiver Support Group
5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room
6:30pm Finance & Property Committee, EC8

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

9:30am Morning Circle Club, Library
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
9:30am Puppeteers Practice/Meeting
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal , Sanctuary
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir room

Thursday, March 19, 2026

5:00pm Special Olympics School Age, gym
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, March 20, 2026

6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study

Saturday, March 21, 2026

8:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, FH
3:45pm District Boy Scout Dinner & Awards Banq.

Sunday, March 22, 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
1:00pm Cake Picnic, FH

Columbus Public Schools is hosting a community forum for everyone to attend.

Discussion: the need for additional schools to accommodate student growth in Columbus
March 19, 2026, 6 p.m. in the Columbus Middle School building
Call Marv Zoucha with questions.

♦ **Homestead Presbytery:** *Lincoln Good Shepherd* Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Lincoln Good Shepherd 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: Scribner First

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 Margo Zywiec, sister-in-law to Kathy Zywiec. She is recovering from heart surgery.
- ♦ Pray for Judy Johnson, Stephanie Johnson's mother, she recently hurt her knee and has limited use right now.

For a long time, Federated Church has provided meals for the Rescue Mission on the second Friday of the month. So far no one has signed up for April, May, June, July, or August. If two or three families go together to provide a meal, it helps, as grocery prices have been going up. Please talk with friends and see if you can go together to provide a meal for one of these months. This is an important ministry - and it takes all of us to make it work. Thank you.
Social Concerns and Missions committee

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Now through March 15 - Easter flower orders taken

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

April 2 - Maundy Thursday service

April 3 - Good Friday service at Grace Episcopal Church
at noon

See the Precious Children

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D ("As We Gather at Your Table")

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: B. F. White (1844)



See the pre-cious chil - dren seat - ed on the lap of Christ our Lord
See the pre-cious wi - dowed wo - men glean - ing har - vests from the field
See the pre-cious for - eign stran - gers as they car - ry all they own
See the pre-cious dis - poss - essed ones ask - ing for some food to eat
See the pre-cious world im - pov - erished by our ma - lice and our greed



Called the great - est in the king - dom, held so gent - ly and a - dored They
Then re - turn - ing to their kit - chen to pre - pare their dai - ly meal They
To a land that's full of dan - gers for the pow - er - less and prone They
Sleep - ing un - der star - ry heav - ens, dai - ly liv - ing on the streets They
Hu - mans, a - ni - mals, and pla - net cry - ing out for some re - lief We're



are pre-cious in the sight of God who made each ti - ny toe In their
are pre-cious in the sight of God who holds their bro - ken hearts In their
are pre-cious in the sight of God who made their home - land, too In their
are pre-cious in the sight of God who loves them as a child In their
all pre-cious in the sight of God who made each ho - ly thing In our



weak - ness they're held by love as each day they learn and grow
sor - row they're held by love that re - deems each fra - gile part
jour - ney they're held by love as they start each day a - new
hun - ger they're held by love as they guard their hu - man pride
liv - ing we're held by love as we care for ev - ery being



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.