



FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm / Passion Sunday; Birthday Recognition; Children's 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 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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Andree & Terry Hoeman, Co-Historians				
Bill Royer, Head Usher				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 & SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

PALM / PASSION SUNDAY; BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION; CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE

Sing to God

ARR. SANBORN

Joyful, Joyful

ARR. SPRUNGER

Almighty, King Eternal Medley

ARR. HAM

Amanda Weeder, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sanctified Art

One: Will you follow? Will you lay down your coat? Will you lay down something important? Will you shout "Hosanna"? Will you join the parade? Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse? Will you cut down a palm branch? Will you wave it in the air? Will you follow the one riding on a donkey? Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

All: We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention. We will worship. We will follow.

One: Hosanna in the highest!

All: Hosanna in the highest.

* OPENING HYMN #88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (verses 1 - 3)

* BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: The very first Palm Sunday was a day of action. It was a day of movement, of crowded city streets, and cries of "Hosanna!" It was a day of peaceful protest and dreams for a better world. The first Palm Sunday was a day of peaceful, hopeful action. So friends, on this Palm Sunday, let us join the saints before us in an act of faith. Let us begin with an act of prayer, an act of honesty, an act of transformation. Let us begin by drawing close to God and sharing the truth of our lives. Let us begin with confession. Join me in prayer:

All: Jesus of Nazareth, we know that you spent your days teaching and healing. You marched through the streets and walked on water. You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables. Your good news was not confined to conversation. It was not confined to the Temple. Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world. Holy God, we long for a faith like that. Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon. Inspire us to love as you loved. Inspire us to act. With hope for tomorrow we pray, amen.

* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

* WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Church family, whether or not you wave your palm branch, whether or not you live out your faith, whether or not you allow this good news to inspire your actions, God will never stop loving you. Jesus will never stop marching for you. The Spirit will never stop listening to you.

All: We are claimed, loved, and held in grace. 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.

* HYMN STF # 2152

Change My Heart, O God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

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

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Chancel Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist
Children's Bells; Anjel Garcia

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Julie Graham, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Mark 11 : 1 - 11

Pew Bible, NT, page 47

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – “Calls for Allegiance” by John van de Laar**

Jesus Christ, whose greatest moments of triumph happen on the back of a donkey's foal and nailed to a bloody cross,

We gather to prepare the way for you in our lives and in our world.

There are so many people and things that call for our allegiance,

so many kings seeking to rule over us.

But, you ride into our experience as another kind of monarch:

a serving, humble and challenging leader who calls us not to slavery, but friendship.

There are so many things that seek our energy and resources for their own sakes,

so many empires seeking our souls for their own glory.

But, you ride into our experience heralding another kind of reign:

a realm where the least are the greatest, where the meek inherit the earth and where children are the best example of citizenship;

a domain which seeks to bring life, not drain it.

There are so many things that draw our attention.

So many realities that seek our faith and assent.

But, you ride into our experience revealing another kind of reality:

a reality where death does not have the last word,

a reality where pride, selfishness and evil are defeated by love and self-giving,

a reality which does not parade itself for all to see,

but fills every moment, every situation and everything with life,**while waiting for us to discover it.**

And so, we cry, from our hearts: “Hosanna, save us.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God.” Amen.*** RESPONSIVE HYMN #89***Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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

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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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Mark 15 : 7 - 39

Pew Bible, NT, pages 53 - 54

CLOSING HYMN # 101

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten

ARR. THOMPSON

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, March 29, 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
11:00am Potluck / Sunday Funday for Children

Monday, March 30, 2026

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
5:00pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

11:30am Staff meeting, office
4:30pm CCC Baking Class, Kitchen
5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

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, April 2, 2026

12:30pm The Basket Cases Craft Group, EC8
5:00pm Special Olympics School Age, gym
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, April 3, 2026

Church office closes at noon

6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study

Saturday, April 4, 2026

No events scheduled

Sunday, April 5, 2026

10:00am Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Worship Service, Sanctuary

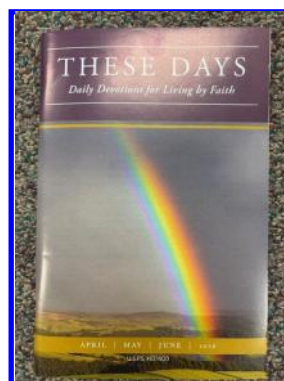
◆ **Homestead Presbytery:** *Lincoln Korean* Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Lincoln Korean congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.

UCC Living Waters Association: Tilden Peace UCC (Tilden, NE 68781)

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for the family of Dale Brockhaus, uncle to Brianna Brockhaus. Dale passed away February 28.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Dennis Davis, Brother-in-law to Doug and Randi Williams and uncle to Carrie Prokopec and family. Dennis passed away on Wednesday, March 25th in Atlantic, Iowa.



APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2026

THESE DAYS: DAILY DEVOTION BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX AND THE CHURCH OFFICE.

The can bank is back! You can now bring your aluminum cans for recycling. Thank you for your patience while it was being repaired.

Thank you to Brian & Judy Dobbs for the Chancel flowers they have given us in memory of their son, Dan Dobbs.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 2 - Maundy Thursday service
- April 3 - Good Friday service at Grace Episcopal Church at noon; Church office closes at noon
- April 5 - Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Sunday
- April 6 - Church office closed
- April 11 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- April 12 - Jazz Sunday