



FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Resurrection of the Lord, Easter 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.

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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, EASTER SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE

Was It a Morning Like This?

ARR. KOERTS

Morning Has Broken

ARR. HAYES

Were You There? With Crown Him

ARR. HAM

Amanda Weeder, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO

"It is Finished" (Easter Intro) by Playback Media

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sanctified Art

One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

All: On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.

One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

All: But today, we know the good news is alive and well.

One: The good news is dancing!

All: The good news is on the loose!

One: The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

All: Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.

One: Let us worship our good-news Christ.

*** OPENING HYMN #123**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Friends, on Easter Sunday we remember that the world did its worst to God.

The world battered and bruised, betrayed and abandoned, crucified and buried our living God.

And despite it all, Jesus still chose to return. Jesus rose again and immediately went to work

spreading God's love to the very people who had hurt him. So hear me when I say, there is

nothing you can do that could keep God's love at bay. With that good news mind, let us go to

God in prayer, trusting that Jesus Christ loves, claims, and seeks us.

Friends, let us pray:

All: Gracious God, we want to be Easter people. We want to shout your good news from the rooftop. We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you. We want to follow the angels, who said, "Be not afraid," but we are afraid. And we don't know where to look. And we are worried we'll say the wrong thing. So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people. We are best intentions and best laid plans. We are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias." We are on our way, but we are not there yet. Show us how to embody your good news in this world. Show us how to be your Easter people. With hope for tomorrow, we pray, amen.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias," we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God's love at bay. So join me in this good news declaration:

All: Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed. This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God. Amen.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: God makes peace within us.

All: Let us claim it.

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

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One: God makes peace among us.

All: Let us share it.

One: Let us greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

All: Peace of Christ!

* **HYMN STF # 2193**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (sung twice)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

CHORAL ANTHEM

Resurrection Victory

LARSON

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

Riley Gausman & Dave Melick, Trumpet

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Katie Claus, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 28 : 1 - 10

Pew Bible, NT, pages 33 & 34

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in resurrection -

mysterious, beyond our understanding, and yet, like tulips after the snow: real.

We believe in Easter morning -

in the promise of a God who would roll back every stone to return to us.

We believe in Jesus -

who calls us by name and asks, "Who are you looking for?"

So we look -

for justice, for mercy, for God in our midst.

And as we look,

we sing, "Alleluia!" Amen.

* **RESPONSIVE HYMN**

In the Bulb There is a Flower (see insert for words and music)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving Christ, thank you for the bread that nourishes our bodies. Thank you for the cup that quenches our thirst. Thank you for this community, which reminds us who we are. Thank you for this Table that brings us together. Thank you for the music that lifts our spirits. Thank you for the promise that at this Table, and every table, you will be there. May this holy meal nourish us to go out into the world speaking of your good, good news. With joy and hope we pray, amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (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 God, whom we adore. 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.

CLOSING HYMN # 108

Christ is Alive! (verses 1, 3 & 5)

BENEDICTION

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)
F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)
C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

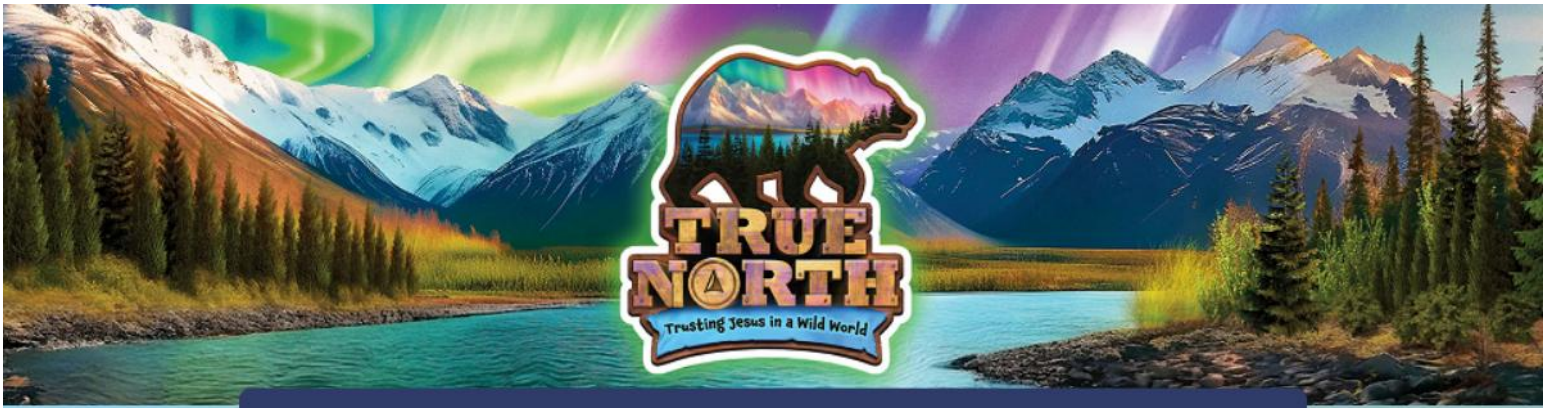
(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning." Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

June 1st - 5th | 8:15 am - 11:30 am | 2710 14th Street, Columbus, NE

Hosted By:

First United Methodist (402)564-8463 | Federated Church (402)564-2812 | St. Luke's UCC (4023)564-8862

Register: <https://forms.gle/NNKdyGddSBR9Zjyz9>

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FAMILY KAMP

May 22 - 25, 2026

COST:
18 YRS AND UP - \$275
6-17 YRS - \$225
UNDER 5 - FREE

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 SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

Share the Kaleo experience with the whole family during a faith-filled weekend of connection and adventure. Enjoy arts and crafts, river activities, archery, and more, with time each day for meaningful faith stories, small-group discussions, and fun games. Families stay together in cabins and wrap up each evening with a vesper service around the campfire. All kinds of families and children of all ages are welcome, with activities designed to include everyone.



EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE

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 OR CALL KAMP AT 308-730-0333

CALVIN CREST CAMP SCHEDULE

2026

Week One

Staff Training	May 26-June 5
Explorer Camp #01 (\$250/\$195/\$150)	June 5-7

Week Two

Junior Camp #21 (\$575/\$410/\$325)	June 7-12
Junior Ranch Camp #25R (\$725/\$560/\$475)	June 7-12

Week Three

Junior Camp #22 (\$575/\$410/\$325)	June 14-19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o RC Cars (+\$105) o Archery (+\$25) o Horses (+\$150) o Ukulele (+\$105) for 5th-6th graders 	
JR. HI Camp #31 (\$575/\$410/\$325)	June 14-19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ukulele (+\$105) o Rocketry (+\$150) o Horses (+\$125) 	
Family Camp #52F (\$300/\$200/\$150)	June 20-21

Week Four

Junior High Camp #32 (\$575/\$410/\$325)	June 21-26
JR. HI Ranch Camp #35R (\$725/\$560/\$475)	June 21-26

Week Five

SR. HI Work Camp #41 (\$475/\$400/\$325)	June 28-July 4
Middler Camp #12 (\$350/\$300/\$225)	June 28-July 1

Pricing and camp descriptions are available at www.calvincrestcamp.com
 Calvin Crest is located at 2870 County Road 13, Fremont, NE 68025

Easter Flowers Given By...

BOB & WILMA ARP

IN HONOR OF ALL THE CHILDREN OF AFRICA

DONNA AUGSPURGER

IN MEMORY OF ROGER AND
IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN &
GRANDCHILDREN

GEORGIA BEHLEN

IN MEMORY OF ROD, JACOB & BEN
HUGH & DOROTHY GROSZ

FRED & RENEE BELLUM

PETE & CAROL BENNETT

IN MEMORY OF DAVID BENNETT,
AND OUR PARENTS,
RONDAL & BELLE BENNETT AND
ALBERT & LEOLA DALLMANN

CHRIS & GARY BOCK,

**TRAVIS & JOLENE BOCK AND FAMILY,
AND TIFFANY SMITH AND FAMILY,**
IN MEMORY OF ELEANOR LOSHBAUGH

CASTNER FAMILY

IN MEMORY LLOYD CASTNER

JOHN & KATIE CLAUS

IN HONOR OF LINDA MCPHAIL

DAVID & RAE FULTON

IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN
AND GREAT-GRANDCHILD

ANTONIO GARCIA & FAMILY

STUART, KRISTEN, REAGAN & RILEY GAUSMAN

IN MEMORY OF REECE

CYNDI & JERRY JARECKE

IN MEMORY OF JIM UHLMANN

RUTH LIND

IN MEMORY OF THE LIND FAMILY,
HEINEN FAMILY AND CHARLEY ACKERMAN

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IN MEMORY OF RAY & ALICE CHRISTENSEN
(PARENTS OF SHERI),
IN HONOR OF ROBERT & MARIAN MELICK
(PARENTS OF DAVE)

MILLER FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF LEON MILLER, GLADYS & JOE
MILLER, MILDRED & HAROLD BUSCH
IN HONOR OF SHERRY MILLER

STEVE & SUSAN MCCLURE

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS,
GERALD & RUTH MCCLURE
AND H.G. & DORIS CRECELIUS

JOHN MCPHAIL

IN MEMORY OF MY WIFE, LINDA

JAN PICKREL

IN MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND, ROGER PICKREL
IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN
GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GRANDCHILD

RICK PORTER

IN MEMORY OF LAURA PORTER, PAT & ROSEAN
PORTER, RICHARD & BENITA LAMBERT

TIM & VAL RATHJE

IN MEMORY OF JOHN HOFKAMP AND
LADONNA & CURTIS RATHJE

BOBBIE UHLMANN

IN MEMORY OF ALFRED ANDERSON
AND JIM UHLMANN

EDWARD & SUNNIE YANG

IN HONOR OF OUR PARENTS