



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Sunday, April 12, 2026**  
*Second Sunday after Easter, Jazz 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](http://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 12, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, JAZZ SUNDAY

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

Prelude

*What a Glorious Day*

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*Morning Mood*

GAUSMAN

JAZZ BAND

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Presbyterian Outlook

One: Great is the mystery of the faith:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

One: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

**All: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

One: Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

## \* OPENING HYMN # 376

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Let us confess our sin before God and one another, trusting in God's gracious promise of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

**All: Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead never to die again, we pray.**

## \* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

## \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The scriptures teach: "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

**All: We confess that Jesus is Lord and we believe and celebrate the good news that God raised him from the dead.**

One: Trust in this promise: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: God makes peace within us.

**All: Let us claim it.**

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*The Way of Christ*

CHOPLIN

JAZZ BAND

Keith Byrkit-Piano, Riley Gausman-Trumpet, Stuart Gausman-Tenor Saxophone

Larry Mares-Alto Saxophone, Tom Pennington-Drums, Jan Zaura-Bass

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Alison Wagner, Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Gospel According to John 20 : 19 - 31

Pew Bible, NT, page 115

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

Edward Yang, Pastor

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – “These Things Did Thomas Count as Real” by Thomas Troeger:**

These things did Thomas count as real: the warmth of blood, the chill of steel,  
**the grain of wood, the heft of stone, the last frail twitch of blood and bone.**

The vision of his skeptic mind was keen enough to make him blind  
**to any unexpected act too large for his small world of fact.**

His reasoned certainties denied that one could live when one had died,  
**until his fingers read like Braille the markings of the spear and nail.**

May we, O God, by grace believe and thus the risen Christ receive,  
**whose raw imprinted hands reached out and beckoned Thomas from his doubt. Amen.**

**\* RESPONSIVE HYMN # 316**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

**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)

**\* 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 and loving God, we bring our tithes and offerings to you in celebration and thanksgiving for the good news of Easter. Give us your wisdom and grace to use what you have given us for ministries of love and compassion that will share the love of Jesus Christ. Accept what we give in response to what you have so freely given to us, your indescribable gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN # 122**

*Thine Be the Glory*

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

April 12 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Social Concerns & Missions Committee

April 19 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Christian Education Committee

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

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## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, April 12, 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 Meeting

### Monday, April 13, 2026

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
- 4:30pm Order of St. Andrew Meeting, EC8
- 5:00pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
- 5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee
- 6:00pm Membership & Growth Committee, EC8
- 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting

### Tuesday, April 14, 2026

- 12:00pm P.E.O. Meeting (Katie Claus), FH
- 5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room
- 6:30pm Christian Education Committee, EC8

### Wednesday, April 15, 2026

- 9:00am Morning Circle, Library & Narthex
- 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, April 16, 2026

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

### Friday, April 17, 2026

- 6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study

### Saturday, April 18, 2026

- 9:00am Fantastic 4-Hers (Chris Warren), FH

### Sunday, April 19, 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 Sunday Funday

Social Concerns & Missions Committee is collecting paper towels and toilet papers for the Center for Survivors. April-May-June.

### Volunteers are still needed for the following:

- ◆ **Liturgists** (all Sundays!!!)
- ◆ **Special Music** starts May 24th for the summer. Sign up in the Narthex now.

- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery:** *Lincoln Westminster* Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Lincoln Westminster 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:** Wisner United Methodist UCC (Wisner, NE 68791)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- April 19 - Sunday Funday, Bell Choir Recognition
- May 3 - Birthday Recognition, Wholeness & Healing service, Hymn Sing, Special Music
- May 10 - Mother's Day, flower sale in Narthex
- May 17 - Chancel Choir Recognition
- May 24 - Day of Pentecost
- May 31 - Trinity Sunday, Potluck

### **ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT - MAY**

If you would like to highlight a special "activity" in the May newsletter please contact the office before April 20th.

**Newsletter** articles, stories, pictures are due April 20th for the upcoming May issue.

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 **June** or **July**. 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

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