



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Sunday, April 19, 2026**

**Third Sunday after Easter; Recognition of Bell Choir**

**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.**

Governing Council - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
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			Stuart Gausman Director of Music Ministry	
<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>	<i>Class of 2028</i>		
Nila Novotny	Terry Norris	Marcia Grant	Lee Augustin Pianist	
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Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons			Kathy Zywiec Co-office Administrator Social Media Coordinator	
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Bill Royer, Head Usher			Deb Gaeth Anjel Garcia Lopez Nursery Attendants	

# Welcome to Worship at Federated!

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER; RECOGNITION OF BELL CHOIR

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

Prelude

*I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked*

O'HARA

*The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

ARR. MILHAUD, ARR. SMITH

LEE AUGUSTIN, PIANIST

*Sounds of Joy*

GESCHKE

Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Timothy M. Slemmons

One: Set your faith and hope on God, who has raised Jesus Christ from the dead!

**All: Though we live as exiles, we praise our God who leads us home.**

One: In light of baptism and faith in the truth, love one another deeply from the heart.

**All: Though we have been slaves to sin, we worship Jesus Christ who has set us free to love.**

One: Truly, you have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed.

**All: Though we have been fearful and powerless, we follow the Spirit who gives faith and power to display God's reign upon the earth.**

One: Let us worship our triune God.

### \* OPENING HYMN # 455

*All Creatures of Our God and King (verses 1, 3, 4 & 6)*

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus who was crucified. Therefore, let us repent, every one of us, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that our sins may be forgiven; and we shall be refreshed in the Holy Spirit. For the promise of forgiveness and eternal life is for us, for our children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls.

**All: Holy Spirit of the Living God, we cannot claim to be above it all, untouched by temptation and sin. For we too once rejected the crucified Christ, disobeyed his teaching, and followed our own ways. Nevertheless, you offer us salvation by the death of your precious Son. Therefore, we turn to you and invoke his name, Jesus, for you and your Son are faithful, merciful, loving, and kind; and we, forswearing our past sins, would be holy, even as you are holy!**

### \* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

### \* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear anew the gospel of salvation: you have been rescued from futility with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or flaw. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

**All: Therefore, let us say with the psalmist, "I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live."**

One: Let us call on the name of the Lord; let us praise God.

**All: For the Lord has loosed our bonds and set us free for eternal life and everlasting love. Thanks be to God!**

### \* 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.**

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

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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 MOMENT**

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director  
Julie Graham, VBC Coordinator

APPRECIATION OF BELL CHOIR

Bell Choir Members: Kristen Gausman, Coleen Goertzen, Marcia Grant, Sue Mares, Nila Novotny, Marilyn Petersen, Ashli Porter, Hailey Rathje, Jennifer Turpen

Substitutes this year have been: Dana Augspurger, Doris Augspurger, Kathy Morris, Lisa Weber, Jenny Young

Directed by Stuart Gausman

BELLS OF JOY

*Morning Joy*

SCHOLES

Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marilyn Abrego, Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Gospel According to Luke 24 : 13 - 35

Pew Bible, NT, page 90

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – “The Risen Christ” by Nigel Weaver**

The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet from garden tomb through darkened city street, **unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear, and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.**

The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side, breathes out his Spirit on them to abide **whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe; new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.**

The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand the bread for those who fail to understand, **reveals himself, despite their lingering tears, enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.**

May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand with the oppressed in this and every land, **till all are blessed and can a blessing be, restored in Christ to true humanity. Amen.**

\* **RESPONSIVE HYMN # 399**

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

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**

**O Lord, we are your servants, for with Christ Jesus our risen Lord, you have loosed the bonds of death. We trust you, who destined Christ before the foundation of the world and revealed him at the end of the ages for the sake of your glory. Bless now these gifts, dedicated to his ongoing ministry, that the good news of the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection to eternal life may be made known to all nations, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\* **CLOSING HYMN # 324**

**Open My Eyes That I May See**

\* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Up From the Grave He Arose*

TRAD. HYMN

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

**THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH**

**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

**Monday, April 20, 2026**

- 5:00pm Special Olympics Basketball, Gym
- 5:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting
- 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026**

- 11:30am Staff meeting, AD2
- 2:30pm Caregiver Support Group, AD1
- 5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room
- 6:30pm Finance & Property Committee, EC8

**Wednesday, April 22, 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 23, 2026**

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

**Friday, April 24, 2026**

- 6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**

*No events scheduled*

**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

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

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

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

**ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT - MAY**

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

◆ **Homestead Presbytery:** Lyons

We continue to be blessed to have a wonderful partnership with Bethany Lutheran Church, another local congregation. With our combined efforts, we are able to continue serving our community and deepen our relationship with God. Our church is still prayerfully and actively searching for the Pastor whom God has called to lead our congregation. In the meantime, we are thankful for our interim Pastor, and we trust that, in God's perfect timing, He will bring the right leader to guide us into the next chapter of ministry. May we continue to grow in grace and love as we wait upon the Lord.

**UCC Living Waters Association:** Yutan St. Peters UCC (Yutan, NE 68073)

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

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

- ◆ Pray for Tim Rathje as he will have heart bypass surgery on April 22nd.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

May 3 - Birthday Recognition, Hymn Sing, Special Music

May 10 - Mother's Day, flower sale in Narthex

May 17 - Chancel Choir Recognition

May 24 - Day of Pentecost

May 25 - Memorial Day, church office is closed

May 31 - Trinity Sunday, Potluck

**For a long time, Federated Church has provided meals for the Rescue Mission on the second Friday of the month. The month of JULY is still available if you would like to help. 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**