



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, June 30th & Sunday, July 3rd, 2022
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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, Brenda's cell phone number: 402-276-2080.

Governing Council - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
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Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons			Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i>	
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Kathy Leischner	Barb Olson	Ruth Erwin		
Jean Royer	Sharon Kuncel	Peg Meyer		

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2022 & SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

Arabesque No 1
James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

CLAUDIA DEBUSSY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 102 : 1 - 2, 12

One: Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you.

All: You, O Lord, are enthroned forever. Your name endures to all generations.

One: Do not hide your face from me on the day of my distress.

All: You, O Lord, are enthroned forever. Your name endures to all generations.

One: Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

All: Let us worship the Lord with gladness!

***OPENING HYMN #476**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

verses 1 - 2, 4 - 5

CALL TO CONFESSION

Recognizing our need for connection and whole relationships, both with God and with our neighbors, let us confess the ways we have distanced ourselves from God. Let us pray our own prayers for God's grace silently, then together as a community.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We hear the story of pride dividing us from you, yet we still seek to do what's most convenient for us in our lives of faith. We hear the story of pride dividing us from neighbor, yet we compare ourselves with others, putting our neighbors down when we feel "less than." In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. With hope in Christ, we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Having sought God's mercy on us in our confession, we find welcome in the grace of God and love of Christ.... Believe and share the good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Stephen Earl

SCRIPTURE READING

Word According to Genesis 11 : 1- 9

Pew Bible, OT, Page 9

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Babel?"

Rev. Stephen Earl

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

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM THE BELHAR CONFESSION

One: We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.

All: This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

One: We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

All: We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

One: We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ.

All: We believe that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought.

One: We believe that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin.

All: We believe that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

One: We believe that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.

All: Therefore, we reject any doctrine that absolutizes natural diversity in such a way that this hinders or breaks the visible and active unity of the church.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The National Anthem

(VERSES 1, 3)

Bob Arp, Dave Melick, Wilma Arp

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(Communion is served in the pews. Please hold bread and cup to partake together. Federated Church celebrates an open table, meaning all who trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Children are welcome to receive communion with the permission of parents/guardians as part of the family's on-going conversations about faith. After partaking, please place cups in the pew holders.)

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, you invite us to your table and welcome us as part of your family. You feed us with your body and satisfy our deepest hunger. We thank you for these gifts. Now send us out into the world by the power of your Spirit that we may be your witnesses, sharing the life-giving news of the gospel. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

America the Beautiful

ARR. MARCIA WELLS

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**

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #426**

Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak

BENEFICIATION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C Major

J. S. BACH

Café La Fed is hosted by The Weeder Family

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ The 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration for Marv & Barb Zoucha will be at the Eagles Club on **July 22nd** from **2 pm to 6 pm**.
- ◆ Congratulations to Jenna Mares! Jenna graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a Bachelor's in Special Education!
- ◆ Pray for the family of Reece Gausman. Reece passed away on June 25, 2022. Funeral services were at Federated Church on June 30, 2022.
- ◆ "I wish to thank everyone for the prayers and concern shown me when I recently received laser treatment for glaucoma. The treatment has been successful and the progression of glaucoma is controlled as of this time. Thank you very much." Marilyn Abrego
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Belden Union**
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Belden Union congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.
- ◆ **Prayer for UCC Living Waters Association:**
Crofton UCC (Crofton, NE 68730)

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, July 3rd

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
3:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, Sanctuary

Monday, July 4th

Church Building is closed.

5:15pm Order of St. Andrew Meeting, EC4

7:00pm Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 5th

7:15pm Worship & Music Committee, EC4

Wednesday, July 6th

10:00am Staff Meeting, Church Office

Thursday, July 7th

6:00pm Round Table Meeting, FH

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

7:30pm Order of the Arrow Meeting, EC8

Friday, July 8th

10:30am Puppeteers Practice

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, July 9th

8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, FH

Sunday, July 10th

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00am Youth Ministry

3:00pm El Buen Prayer Services, Sanctuary

Summer special music needed. The choir takes the summer off. If you or someone you know would be willing to provide some type of special music this summer, please sign up on the schedule located in the church office. Contact Bob Arp with any questions. What a great way to share a God given gift with others!