



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, July 7th & Sunday, July 10th, 2022
Fifth 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, please call Brenda (402) 276-2080.

Governing Council - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
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Alison Wagner	Mimi Ernst	Mark Weeder	Betty Garcia Lopez, <i>Nursery Attendant</i>	Amanda Weeder, <i>Interim Accompanist</i>
Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons			Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i> VACANT, <i>Historian</i>	
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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2022 & SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

Adagio - Sonata IV
James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

J. S. BACH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has been gracious to us, God has blessed us,

All: God has made his face to shine upon us.

One: God reveals his way to all peoples,

All: God guides all the nations on the earth.

One: God judges everyone with equity.

All: God shows his saving power everywhere.

One: Let all the nations praise you, O God,

All: Let us, your people, praise you.

One: We are never far away from the love and mercy of the Lord,

All: And we shall be with him for ever and ever. Amen!

*OPENING SONG #469

Morning Has Broken

CALL TO CONFESSION

Almighty and gracious God, Your love is everlasting and filled with patience. You have called us all to be disciples, but we neglect that task and remain content and stagnant in our Christian calling when we meet people who need You. Help us to show others Your love.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, your call is challenging, and we have often chosen to refuse or ignore it. We have given in to fear and forgotten to trust. We have turned away from your way. Forgive us, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord, and by your Spirit enable us to live with joyful courage.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We are all God's people. God offers us peace and hope.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As children of God, we are no longer strangers, but friends. The peace of Christ be 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

Marilyn Vrana, Liturgist

God, source of all light, by your Word, you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. Help us to learn the lessons you teach us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 4 : 1 - 16

Pew Bible, OT, page 446 - 447

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“For Such a Time as This”

Katie Claus

SPECIAL MUSIC

Londonderry Air (Traditional)
Dana Augspurger, Flute Soloist

COULTER/GALWAY

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Katie Claus

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

MARK HAYES

***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**

Almighty God, bless these gifts and all the ways in which we give. May our gifts of time, talent and treasure bring comfort and peace to those who walk through dark valleys. In Jesus’s name we pray, Amen

***CLOSING HYMN #525**

Here I Am Lord

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G Major

J. S. BACH

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 23rd** from **2 pm to 6 pm**.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Rev. Dr. Lynn Williams, brother of Doug and Randi Williams and Uncle to Carrie & Aaron Prokopec. Lynn passed away of June 29th. Services will be held on July 14th in Des Moines, IA.
- ◆ Mac Hull passed away on July 2nd. Funeral Services will be held at Federated Church, July 18th at 11 a.m. Visitation is at 10 a.m. Please keep his wife, Mary Hull, and their family in your prayers.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Cedar Bluffs**
Members of the First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Bluffs praise the Lord for the many blessings he continues to give us which include: the faith and physical abilities needed to maintain our physical church, mutual love and support within our church family, dedicated leadership from session members, deacons, and our wonderful session moderator who serves more like a full time minister conducting worship twice a month, serving funerals, making visits to the ill and others in need, being there for whatever we need. We are concerned for the needs of an aging congregation, several of whom are suffering from debilitating disease. In a very small community, we have few children and young families. We pray for those affected by gun violence, hatred of others who may have different beliefs and opinions, for those who find themselves homeless as a result of wildfires, destructive weather, and war. We pray for continued support and guidance as we face our future as a sustainable church. Amen
- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association:** Elgin Park Congregation UCC (Elgin, NE 68636)

**Social Concerns and Missions committee is collecting Clorox, Pine Sol and leashes for Paws and Claws
July, August & September 2022**

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, July 10th

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

Monday, July 11th

10:30am Puppeteers Practice
6:30pm Membership & Growth Committee, Library

7:00pm Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 12th

7:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting, Library

Wednesday, July 13th

10:00am Staff Meeting, Church Office

Thursday, July 14th

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, July 15th

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, July 16th

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, July 17th

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00am Puppeteers Practice

3:00pm El Buen Prayer Services, Sanctuary

Please let the office staff know if you would like a copy of the worship service on DVD.

GARAGE SALE / BAKE SALE

- ◆ LAST day to bring donations for the sale is Thursday, July 21st.
- ◆ Volunteers Needed. Sign up on the clipboards by the entrance of the Sanctuary
- ◆ Or call Linda at 402.276.0215 to sign up for helping on Saturday, July 23rd.

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!