



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, July 29th & Sunday, July 31st, 2022
Eighth 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.

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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2022 & SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

Cantabile

CÉSAR FRANCK

James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul.

All: The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart.

One: The laws of the Lord are true; each one is fair.

All: They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold.

One: They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb!

All: Let us worship God!

PLEASE BE SEATED

OPENING SONG

This is the Day that the Lord has Made

CHANCEL CHOIR - RECORDED FEBRUARY 26, 2017

CALL TO CONFESSION

As sinners, let us confess our sins before God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Father, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown to ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Forgive us for the times when we conveniently forget the lessons you have taught us. Lord God, have mercy on us and make us whole. In Jesus Christ, our Savior's name, Amen.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Let us never forget this lesson. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

All: We meet in his name and share his peace.

One: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

One: Please offer each other a sign of peace.

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

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Tessa Klevemann

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nicole Miller, Liturgist

Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word open to being surprised and ready to learn. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3 : 1 - 11

Pew Bible, NT, page 201

Matthew 5 : 3- 12

Pew Bible, NT, page 4

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Lessons Learned

Bob Arp

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

One: We are not alone,

All: we live in God's world.

One: We believe in God:

All: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

One: We trust in God.

All: We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

One: In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

All: We are not alone.

One: Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The first words of the Bible are about God's own generosity. God gave us the gifts of a beautiful creation, our home, the good green earth and the animals that live here with us. On this summer day, we come together to thank God and to offer our gifts so that the ministry of this church will continue to grow and be a blessing to the world. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

OFFERTORY

I Stand at the Threshold

J. S. BACH

***DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

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

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***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of calm and content, we offer our humble gifts and the service of our lives in the hope that they will be pleasing to you. We pray that, with your blessing, they will produce a harvest of peace, healing, and love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #281**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Our God Our Help, in Ages Past

HARLEY WILLAN

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Please pray for Brenda Sand and her family as Brenda had neck surgery Friday, 29th. She will be recovering at home the next couple of weeks.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Evelyn Badje, mother of David (Jean) Badje of Columbus. Evelyn passed away on July 23, 2022.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Craig Alder Grove**
Praise for a successful VBS. Prayers for the congregation and community as they travel, rest and play this summer. Prayers for the upcoming school year. May congregation is Craig Alder Grove 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:** Neligh First Congregation UCC (Neligh, NE 68756)

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, July 31st

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00am Potluck Luncheon, Fellowship Hall

3:00pm El Buen Prayer Services, Sanctuary

Monday, August 1st

5:15pm OSA Committee Meeting, EC4

7:00pm Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 2nd

7:15pm Worship & Music Committee Mtg., EC4

Wednesday, August 3rd

10:00am Staff Meeting, Church Office

Thursday, August 4th

6:00pm Round Table Meeting, FH

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

7:30pm Order of the Arrow, EC8

Friday, August 5th

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, August 6th

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, August 7th

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm El Buen Prayer Services, Sanctuary

Meals on Wheels

Federated is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels Monday, Sept. 5th through Fri. Sept. 9th. Renee Bellum will coordinate, 402-563-2441 or 402-276-2454. Thank you to faithful servants.

For anyone who would like a ride to worship services, we have a volunteer! Please contact the church office for their contact information!

5th Sunday Potluck, July 31st

Following Worship Service.

Bring a dish to share, beverages provided.

Hosted by Membership & Growth Committee

Social Concerns and Missions committee is collecting Clorox, Pine Sol and leashes for Paws and Claws

July, August & September 2022

Thank you to the following who donated cookies to the weekly Thursday Red Cross Blood Drive for the month of July:

Jean Badje, Ruth Erwin, Betty Hledik,
Paula Lange and Karen Paben

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!