



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, September 15th & Sunday, September 18th, 2022
Fifteenth 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, Edward's cell phone number: 402-302-2812.

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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMISSIONING OF ACOLYTES & YOUTH USHERS AND COMMISSIONING OF BELL CHOIR

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

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre

R. VAUGHN WILLIAMS

James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Feasting on the Word

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

All: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

One: Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN #356**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful, washes us clean. With one heart and voice, let us pray.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of the universe, breath of life, we come trembling before you for we have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours in the hope of securing our future. We have yearned for wealth more than we have yearned for you. We have squandered your trust and grieved your heart with our betrayal Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

It cannot be contained, but must be poured out
(water poured into baptismal font)

Nothing you have done, nothing you will ever do is enough to separate you from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. I declare in the name of the risen Christ that our sin is forgiven and our lives are made new.

All: Alleluia, amen!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, a peace the world cannot give." The peace of Christ be always with you

All: And also with you

One: Let us offer one another a sign of peace

***SING THE FAITH #2193**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

(sung twice)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

COMMISSIONING OF ACOLYTES AND YOUTH USHERS (SUN.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Julie Graham, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Luke 16 : 1 - 13

Pew Bible, NT, page 79

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

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

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED (responsive reading)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

COMMISSIONING OF BELL CHOIR

BELLS OF JOY

Fanfare I

KELLER

Stuart Gausman, Bell Choir Director

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 OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Cares Chorus

ARR. BETTCHER

***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 God, source of our daily bread and Sabbath trust, you feed us with your love and equip us to share in your purpose. Receive the offerings of our wounded spirits, our guarded purses, our meager strength, and continue to expand our hearts, until we live with the boldness and joy of Easter morning; for we pray in the name of your son, Jesus, and by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #359**

More Love to Thee, O Christ

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost

J. S. BACH

Café LaFed is hosted by Good Shepherd Church Service, Antonio Garcia

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Pray for the family of Ruth Elwood, 98, long time member of Federated. Ruth passed away on August 14, 2022 in Jackson, Wyoming.

◆ Pray for the family of Dick Fry. Graveside services will be held at Columbus Cemetery on Monday, September 19, 2022. (The service will be held in the back of cemetery.)

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Humboldt**

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Humboldt 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:** Ralston UCC (Ralston, NE 68127)

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

Small Groups Starting Up!

If anyone is interested in joining **Bookworms**, our Federated Book Club, contact Nila Novotny.

We are going to restart **2x4s**, so contact Membership and Growth Committee or leave your name at the office if interested.

The **Chancel Choir** resumed rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7, at 7:30 pm in the choir room. Please consider joining this dedicated group as they prepare for the autumn season. Little or no experience necessary! For additional information, contact choir director Bob Arp at 402-750-6115 or at barp1@neb.rr.com.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, September 18th

8:45am SALT Adult Ed Hour, EC4-5

8:45am Education Hour, EC3-10, Nursery

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, Sanctuary

Monday, September 19th

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym

7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, September 20th

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8 and Zoom

5:30pm Teachers/Volunteers Meeting, EC4

6:30pm Christian Ed Committee, EC8

7:00pm Finance & Property Committee, EC8

7:00pm Cub Scouts #279 Den Meeting, FH

Wednesday, September 21st

9:30am Circle 1 Meeting

10:00am Staff Meeting, Church Office

4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 22nd

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, September 23rd

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, September 24th

No events scheduled

Sunday, September 25th

8:45am SALT Adult Ed Hour, EC4-5

8:45am Education Hour, EC3-10, Nursery

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, Sanctuary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept. 18 - Commissioning of Acolytes & Youth Ushers & Commissioning of Bell Choir
- Sept. 25 - Bibles for 3 Year Olds and 3rd Graders & Commissioning of Chancel Choir
- Oct. 2 - World Communion Sunday

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are still looking to volunteers for Education Hour! Please contact Brenda at brendajsand@gmail.com or 402-276-2080 and let her know which you are interested in helping with!

Substitute Teachers of All Ages, For All Ages; Youth Group Volunteers; Nursery Helpers & Subs