



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, September 22nd & Sunday, September 25th, 2022
Sixteenth 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.

Governing Council - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
Wayne McCormick, <i>President</i> Julie Graham, <i>Vice President</i> Louise Moran, <i>Secretary</i>			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D., <i>Pastor/Head of Staff</i> edward@federatedcolumbus.org	Brenda Sand, <i>Christian Education Director</i> brenda@federatedcolumbus.org
<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	Chrissy Ford, <i>Office Administrator</i> cford@federatedcolumbus.org	Kathy Zywiec, <i>Office Assistant</i> kathy@federatedcolumbus.org
John McClure	Jesse Abrego	Donna Augspurger	Bob Arp, <i>Chancel Choir Director</i>	Stuart Gausman, <i>Bell Choir Director</i>
Renee Norris	Katie Claus	John McPhail	James Sharpe, <i>Organist</i>	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia, <i>El Buen Pastor Fellowship</i>
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>	
Mimi Ernst, GC Rep.	Laura Porter, Ch.	Wilma Arp	Andree & Terry Hoeman, <i>Co-Historians</i>	
Kathy Leischner	Barb Olson	Ruth Erwin		
Jean Royer	Sharon Kuncel	Peg Meyer		

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMISSIONING OF CHANCEL CHOIR - BIBLES FOR 3 YEAR OLDS AND 3RD GRADERS (SUN.)

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

PRELUDE

Adagio Cantabile (Pathetique Sonata)

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

UCC Worship Ways

One: Come to this place and time of promise.

All: We are becoming the house of hope, the field of sunflowers, the vineyard of great caring.

One: Come to a shared commitment to abundance possible for all people.

All: We are an earthenware jar, to keep safe the tomorrow of children.

One: Our security question is – the word of God,

All: and our password is love.

One: Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN #306**

Fairest Lord Jesus

UNISON PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

God, we have defaulted to un-hope in our life and we have encouraged un-hoping in others. We have criticized plans before hearing them out and we have turned to family, church, friends, colleagues with our face painted, “we’ve tried that before and it didn’t work.” Together we have laughed at new ideas and circulated only bad news.

Plant your promises deep in the field of our lives, and forgive us our presuming to define your future.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: God wipes pessimism from the open heart and sends others to affirm in us even the most fragile possibilities of the future. We are forgiven.

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 (Sun.)**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (sung twice)

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON (SUN.)

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

BIBLES FOR 3 YR. OLDS & 3RD GRADERS (SUN.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brenda Sand, Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Luke 16 : 19 - 31

Pew Bible, NT, pages 79 - 80

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.*

One License #711910-A

CCLI License #1160936 & 20180420

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“If Only I Had Known” by Carolyn W. Gillette

If only I had known the cost of human greed,
Perhaps I would have reached out more to those in need.

But now I see the truth across the great divide!

If only I had known and changed,” the rich man cried.

If only we could see which bargains in the store
Are made in dismal sweatshops that oppress the poor.

**For each subsistence wage — each tiny, crippling stitch —
Makes wider the divide between the poor and rich.**

And, too, if we could hear a mother's lullaby;
She's singing now to calm her hungry toddler's cry.

**For rich ones came one day, took land and water rights,
And left the poor with hopeless days and hungry nights.**

If only we could learn what keeps us wanting more:
We build our bigger barns so we'll feel more secure.

**But you alone, O God, give true security;
Possessed by our possessions, we cannot be free.**

O Christ, if we could know God's will for all the earth!
And yet, by your own Spirit, you have shown God's truth:

**“Do justice, help the poor, share life and love and land,
And when you see the hungry, open wide your hand.”**

Amen.

COMMISSIONING OF CHANCEL CHOIR (SUN.)

Bob Arp, Wilma Arp, Dana Augspurger, Nancy Blackburn, Bev Fry, Karen Grabowski, Marcia Grant,
John Hahn, Cola Hahn, Steve Heinisch, Sue Jacobs, Kathy Leischner, Sue McClure, Wayne McCormick,
Dave Melick, John Novotny, Nila Novotny, Val Rathje, Alison Wagner, Amanda Weeder, Doug Williams

CHORAL ANTHEM (SUN.)

Over My Head

ARR. PODD & PODD

Chancel Choir; Bob Arp, Director
Amanda Weeder, Accompanist

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 (SUN.)

I Cry to Thee

J. S. BACH

***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, we have received hope; we give you time. We have received hope; we give one another the church. We have received hope; we offer these gifts that they may become the change or simply the promise of change among those who need this clear image that they are not abandoned. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #421

The Church of Christ in Every Age

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Old One Hundredth

JOHANN PACHELBEL

Café LaFed is hosted by Circle 1

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

One License #711910-A

CCLI License #1160936 & 20180420

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Congratulations to Skylar & Caleb Kistner, who welcomed son, Tripp Robert, born Sept. 16, 2022. Grandparents are Terry & Renee Norris, Uncle Mitchell and Aunt Macyn.

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Laurel

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Laurel 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:** Scribner First Congregational UCC (Scribner, NE 68057)

Final Fall Hosta Transplant

The landscaping committee is inviting members to remove any Hosta plants that are located on the northeast corner on the East side of the church. All the plants that can be removed that are flagged. There are also a few plants in the red tubs that are located outside of the Northwest entrance. There are plastic bags to place them in for transporting. All these plants can easily be divided to fill a particular space. If you are not able to dig, please contact Wilma Arp at 402-910-4233 to assist.

Small Groups Starting Up!

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

We are going to restart **2x4 dinners**, contact Membership and Growth Committee or leave your name at the office if interested.

The **Chancel Choir** practices each Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the choir room. Please consider joining this dedicated group. 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 25th

8:45am SALT Adult Ed. Hour, EC 4-5

9:00am Education Hour

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00am Puppeteers Practice, EC rooms

11:00am Youth Ministry Committee, EC8

3:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, Sanctuary

Monday, September 26th

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym

7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, September 27th

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8 and Zoom

7:00pm Governing Council, EC8

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

Wednesday, September 28th

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 29th

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers Practice, Gym

5:30pm Stewardship Committee Mtg., EC8

6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, September 30th

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, October 1st

No events scheduled

Sunday, October 2nd

8:45am SALT Adult Ed. Hour, EC 4-5

9:00am Education Hour

10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, Sanctuary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct. 2 - World Communion Sunday
- Oct. 16 - Children's Sabbath
- Oct. 30 - Annual Fall Congregational Meeting

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