



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, May 11, & Sunday, May 14, 2023**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day**

**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](http://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, MAY 11TH, & SUNDAY, MAY 14TH, 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; MOTHER'S DAY

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

PRELUDE

*Andante in B Minor (Sonata IV)*

J. S. BACH

James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO "Reflections of God's Love (Mother's Day)" by Hyper Pixels Media

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Feasting on the Word

One: Bless the Lord, O people, sing!

**All: Let the sound of praise ring out.**

One: Come and hear what the Lord has done,

**All: the Lord who has made everything!**

One: Let us worship God.

\* **OPENING HYMN # 288**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Brother and sisters, God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love.

**All: Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.**

\* **MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

\* **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**All: Alleluia, amen!**

\* **PASSING OF THE PEACE** (You are welcome to share a handshake, fist bump or peace sign)

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 share Christ's peace with one another.

\* **SONG** *Let Us Build a House (verses 1 & 3; words and music on screen)*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rebecca Timperley

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Hymn of Praise*

BLAKE

Chancel Choir; Dave Melick, Director; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John McPhail, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts of the Apostles 17 : 22 - 31

Pew Bible, NT, page 137 - 138

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from 'PCUSA's A Brief Statement of Faith')

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

**Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies**

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

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**as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

**Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

**like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSIVE HYMN #272**

*God of the Sparrow (verses 1, 2, 5, 6)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**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.**

OFFERTORY

*Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness*

JOHANNES BRAHMS

**\* 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**

**O loving God, we give you thanks that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to keep your commands. Bless these gifts and use them to reveal to all tribes, nations, and peoples your love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN #275**

*God of Our Life*

**\* BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*We All Believe in One True God*

J. S. BACH

Café LaFed is hosted by Barb Olson & Jeannie Johnson

~ Chancel Flowers are given by Gail Wurdeman and Sara Aerni, In loving memory of our parents, Irene & Harold Wurdeman. Happy Mother's Day Mom and Happy Birthday Dad!  
~ Chancel Flowers are given by the Castner family in honor of their parents' Anniversary!

For the months of May and June we will be collecting paper towels and toilet paper for the Center for Survivors. July, August and September will be leashes, Pine sol and Bleach for Paws and Claws; and October, November, December we will be collecting new items --gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats for the Angel Tree. Watch for these items to go on sale! Summer is a good time to stock up. In July we will be filling hygiene kits for folks displaced by tornadoes, flooding, and other natural disasters. More information to come.

July 15th is Federated's day to help with Habitat for Humanity. Workers are needed. We also need lunch items (sandwiches, chips, cookies, for example) and a snack for the afternoon. We also will need bottled water. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex shortly.

The months of October, November, and December still need to be filled for meals for the Rescue Mission.

..."The Son of Man did **not** come **to be served, but to serve,**" Matthew 20:28

Social Concerns and Missions Committee

Silent Auction - Kitchen Aid Red Pro 500 Stand Mixer -- Includes bowl & 3 attachments; Can be seen in office conference room during office hours; Bidding closes June 4th

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Prayers for Rod Behlen who is now recovering from surgery.
- ◆ Pray for Rachael Griffith; daughter-in-law of Annette Griffith as she recovers from gall bladder surgery.
- ◆ Prayers for the family of Leroy Kallweit who passed away on Sunday, May 7, 2023. The funeral service was held at Federated Church on Thursday, May 11, 2023.
- ◆ Congratulations to Jessica Sand, daughter of Mike & Brenda Sand. Jessica graduated from Doane University on May 14th. Jessica graduates with a major in Psychology, and emphasis in Criminology and a minor in Sociology. Jessica will be working at Jenda Family Services as a Family Support Worker
- ◆ Congratulations to Mitchell Norris, son of Terry and Renee Norris. Mitchell graduated May 13th from Doane University with a Bachelor's in Computer Science and a minor in Music. He will be working at UNL at the College of Business, IT Department.
- ◆ Congratulations to Christian James (CJ) Pickrel, grandson of Jan Pickrel. CJ graduated magna cum laude, May 6th from Chadron State College with a business degree.
- ◆ Congratulations to Madison Hill, daughter of Dr. Jennifer & Chad Hill, granddaughter of Marv & Barb Zoucha, graduated from University of Kansas with a degree in Biology and a minor in Spanish.

### Homestead Presbytery: Bancroft

The First Presbyterian Church in Bancroft, NE requests continued prayers for our congregational members and their families' health and wellbeing. Please send prayers for our small church so we may stay open to continue learning God's word and spread God's love for His children to others. We lift our prayers for all who have closed their church doors and all those who continue with small member numbers, similar to ours, but mighty hearts to fight to keep their churches open. We ask for prayers for all small churches in the area as we are heart broken to hear of so many churches closing. The world being in chaos, our hearts get heavier everyday as God's children of all ages are feeling anxious by all the fighting, lying, killing, shootings, war, viruses, shouting, and humans thinking they are God we pray together with the many believers in Christ that God himself is in control and He loves each one of us individually. We appreciate your prayers and positive thoughts sent our way. Thank you and God Bless America.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association:** Albion Congregational UCC, (Albion, NE 68620)

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, May 14, 2023 - Mother's Day

- 8:45am SALT Adult Ed. Hour, EC 4-5
- 9:00am Education Hour, various rooms
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Mother's Day Flower Sale
- 11:30am Castner's 65th Anniversary Celebration, FH
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, May 15, 2023

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC8
- 7:00pm Scouts Troop 212 Meeting

### Tuesday, May 16, 2023

- Organ Task Force Visits (contact Jim Sharpe for details)
- 5:30pm Consonaires Group, Choir Room
- 7:00pm Finance & Property Committee Mtg., EC8
- 7:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting, AD4
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts #279 Den Meeting, FH

### Wednesday, May 17, 2023

- 9:30am Circle One Meeting in homes
- 12:30pm All Staff Meeting, EC8
- 1:30pm Circle 2 Meeting, FH
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom
- 7:00pm Circle 4 Meeting, EC8
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Thursday, May 18, 2023

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, May 19, 2023

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

### Saturday, May 20, 2023

No events scheduled

### Sunday, May 21, 2023

- 8:45am SALT Adult Ed. Hour, EC 4-5
- 9:00am Education Hour, various rooms
- 9:00am Breakfast for Graduates, FH
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Bob Arp will be ending his tenure as Chancel Choir Director at Federated Church at the end of May. If you would like to send a Love/Appreciation Gift to him through the church, please write 'Bob Arp Gift' in the memo.

### SAVE THE DATE & YOUR STUFF!

Federated's Annual Garage Sale will be held on July 29th this year!

You can start bringing your stuff June 18th!