



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter; Graduation Celebration**

**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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			Betty Garcia Lopez, <i>Nursery Attendant</i>	Amanda Weeder, <i>Accompanist</i>
			Mark Baumann, <i>Custodian</i>	
			Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i> Andree & Terry Hoeman, <i>Co-Historians</i>	

# Welcome to Worship at Federated!

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST, 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; GRADUATION CELEBRATION

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

PRELUDE

*Prelude for a Special Day*

D. WOOD

*Simple Gifts*

ARR. HAYES/WOLAVER

*God of Our Fathers*

ARR. L. SMITH

Lee Augustin, Piano & Organ

PROCESSIONAL

*Pomp and Circumstance*

EDGAR ELGAR

Dave Melick, Trumpet

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Presbyterian Outlook

One: Sing to God.

**All: Sing praises to God's name.**

One: Sing to God O kingdoms of the earth.

**All: Sing praises to the Lord.**

One: Let us worship God.

**\* OPENING HYMN # 267**

***All Things Bright and Beautiful***

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Confession is a mirror by which we see ourselves more clearly. Let us offer our prayers to God.

**All: We confess, O God, that too often we have our head in the clouds. We are more comfortable with dreaming of the world as we wish it would be instead of working with you to bring that wish to reality. At times, we find it difficult to claim the power you have given us. Surely you have others more capable to be your witnesses? And so, we continue to gaze heavenwards. Jolt us out of our complacency, O God. Remind us to get a move on. Remind us we have work to do with you. Give us your energy, courage, and vision to be your witnesses to the end of the earth.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: We are God's people created, loved and forgiven.

**All: The God of all grace has called us by name.**

One: God will restore, support, strengthen and establish us.

**All: It is good news to celebrate. We are forgiven!**

**\* 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 & 4; words and music on screen)***

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jackie Marker

EDUCATION HOUR TEACHERS' APPRECIATION

Children Teachers: Heidi Klevemann, Kristi Wolfe, Nicole Miller, Julie Graham

Confirmation: Brenda Sand & Edward Yang

High School: Lisa Perrin & Max Porter

Adult Education: Katie Claus & Mark Weeder

Subs: Megan McHugh, Ashli Porter, Jenny Young, Sunnie Yang

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

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Nursery: Beatriz Garcia Lopez, Sunnie Yang, Doris Augspurger, Barb Olson

Children's Bells: Stuart Gausman

Puppet Ministry: Katie Claus, Julie Graham

CHANCEL CHOIR APPRECIATION

Chancel Choir Members: Bob Arp, Wilma Arp, Nancy Blackburn, Dana Augspurger, Nancy Blackburn, Bev Fry, Marcia Grant, Cola Hahn, John Hahn, Kathy Leischner, Sue McClure, Wayne McCormick, Dave Melick, John Novotny, Nila Novotny, Val Rathje, Alison Wagner, Amanda Weeder, Doug Williams

CHORAL ANTHEM

*My Song for Life*

CHOPIN

Chancel Choir; Bob Arp, Director; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Gospel According to John 17 : 1 - 11

Pew Bible, NT, page 91

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

**\* RESPONSIVE HYMN #343**

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

GRADUATE RECOGNITION: CLASS OF 2023

Heidi Klevemann

**\* LITANY FOR GRADUATES**

Announcement of Graduates

Annie Lange

Macyn Norris

Riley Gausman

**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

ARR. J. SCHRADER

**\* 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**

**Good and gracious God, the money we place in plates or give online we pray will be used to bring your kingdom to earth. May our gifts strengthen this congregation to be more faithful, more present and more daring in our community and to the ends of the earth. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN #398**

***There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit***

CHORAL BLESSING

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

LUTKIN

**\* BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Pomp and Circumstance*

ELGAR

Dave Melick, Trumpet

Café LaFed is hosted by Youth Ministry Committee

## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for family of Gary McCormick, brother of Wayne & Jill McCormick. Gary passed away on May 17th at Fairview, NE.
- ◆ Pray for Jan Pickrel who fell this week and is recovering.
- ◆ Pray for a quick recovery for Brenda Sand, who is recovering from gall bladder surgery.
- ◆ Congratulations to Lilly Uhlmann, granddaughter of Bobbi Uhlmann, will graduate on May 20th from UNL, majoring in History/Global Studies, minoring in Archeology, as a Chancellor's Scholar with Highest Distinction.
- ◆ Congratulations to Lucas Miller, son of Nicole & Matt Miller, grandson of Sherry Miller, who graduated from UNO on May 19th with a Bachelor's in Computer Engineering. He has accepted a position with the Kiewit Business Center in Omaha.
- ◆ Congratulations to Tait Jack Anderson, grandson of Pat Anderson, who graduated from Pensacola State College Charter Academy.
- ◆ The family of Leroy Kallweit would like to extend their appreciation for all the kindnesses shown in the last several weeks and since Leroy's passing.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Beatrice**  
Prayers for a new step in First Presbyterian Beatrice's history. Our new pastor Doris Martin was commissioned on April 23. She will be starting June 1st. Prayers for the continuing missions of our little food pantry which has been getting a lot of use and to our sweet dreams ministry that provides beds to families in need of a bed for their children.
- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Arlington**  
Community UCC, (Arlington, NE 68002)

Chancel Flowers are given for Carol Bottum for her 90th birthday from her family. Happy Birthday.

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!

Thank you Tammi Hempstead for providing all of the flowers for the Mother's Day Flower sale on May 14th

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### 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

### Monday, May 22, 2023

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

### Tuesday, May 23, 2023

- 5:30pm Consonaires Group, Choir Room
- 7:00pm Governing Council Meeting, EC8
- 7:00pm Scouts #279 Den Meeting, FH

### Wednesday, May 24, 2023

- 10:00am Staff Meeting, Church Office
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Thursday, May 25, 2023

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, May 26, 2023

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

### Saturday, May 27, 2023

No events scheduled

### Sunday, May 28, 2023

- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, May 29, 2023 - Memorial Day

**Church Building Closed**

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.

The Federated designated day for Habitat for Humanity is Saturday, July 15th. We have been asked to bring food--rolls or cookies for a morning break, and sandwiches, hot dogs, etc., chips and something sweet for lunch. We also will provide water.

For the months of May and June we will be collecting paper towels and toilet paper for the Center for Survivors. Social Concerns and Missions Committee