



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, June 22, & Sunday, June 25, 2023
Fourth 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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Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons				
Ruth Erwin	Sharon Kuncel	Kathy Leischner		
Laura Porter	Peg Meyer	Barb Olson		
Jean Royer		Lori Rine		

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, & SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

Andante con variazioni (Op 26)

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Feasting on the Word

One: God cares for us completely and calls for our total commitment.

All: Christ gave his life that we might live and calls us to give our lives to him.

One: Through Christ we have died to sin;

All: in Christ we are fully alive to God.

One: Let us worship God.

* OPENING HYMN # 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Sin destroys our lives. Sin destroys our relationships. Sin destroys our hope.

But through faith in the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our lives, our relationships, and our future are no longer enslaved to sin. Let us trust the love of God and confess our sin, that we might receive grace and find true freedom.

All: God of the covenant, who gave us your Son, Jesus Christ the crucified, send your Holy Spirit to help us confess and truly repent of our sins. We turn against one another; we fail to care for the weak and poor among us. We pay no heed to the cries of the powerless; we seek our own advantage. Your Son emptied himself upon a Roman cross and revealed your eternal, self-giving love. Forgive us, merciful God. Wipe sin from our lives and let us find ourselves wholly in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God, who loves us, does not abandon or forsake us.

All: Our Savior hears and answers when we cry out from the wastelands of sin.

One: Death cannot bind us, for the risen Christ sets us free. Hear the good news:

All: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

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

One: As we have received peace from Christ assuring us of our forgiveness, let us also pass that peace to each other. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Greet one another with a sign of peace.

*SONG #304

Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Playback Media

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Doug Williams, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 10 : 24 - 31

Pew Bible, NT, page 10

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

All: Thanks be to God!

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: “You Formed Us in Your Image, Lord” by Carolyn W. Gillette**

You formed us in your image, Lord; you call us your own children.

In you, each one is loved, adored — unique among the millions.

Bless, Lord, the families who know the joy: Christ claims and frees!

Bless, too, the ones who weep, forgetting that you love them.

You made our homes to honor you with love the strong foundation.

In serving God and neighbor too, we find our life's vocation.

Bless families large and small who love and serve you when you call.

Bless, too, the ones who fear — whose trust and love are shattered.

Christ loved and honored family, yet showed us what is greater.

He taught a higher loyalty to God our good Creator.

Bless, Lord, the ones who long to build up homes where faith is strong.

Bless children, women, men who risk to serve your kingdom.

In home and church our faith is formed; we learn your love and caring.

From here we're called to face the storm, your love and justice bearing.

Each day your Spirit sends! We go to strangers, neighbors, friends.

Peace, justice, joy we bring to all your human family.

Amen.

* **RESPONSIVE SONG (STF) #2129**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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

* **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**

Holy God, who gives life, nourishment, and strength to all creation, we thank you: for the community of faith you have built, for your servants who have held fast to you through centuries, for the teachings and the witness of our ancestors, for the gospel's welcome to all in need, for the healing that comes from your watchfulness. Bless these gifts that all may be nurtured in truth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* **CLOSING SONG #344**

Christ of the Upward Way

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

PAUL MANZ

CAFÉ LAFED IS HOSTED BY THE BELLUMS

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ John and Anita Hahn rejoiced with the birth of their first great grandchild, Camden Matthew King, into the Hahn family on June 3rd. Parents are Matthew and Kaitlyn King and grandmother is Lori Hahn King all of Elkhorn.

◆ A sincere thank you to everyone who sent cards & prayers & calls while I was recovering. I am now home after 3 months at Brookstone and getting stronger by the day. ~ Nell Burnham

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Craig

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Craig 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:** Faith United Creighton (UMC/UCC) (Creighton, 68729)

Pickle Ball nets are up in the gym and can be enjoyed by small groups . Monday - Friday, 8am - 4:30pm

Habitat for Humanity

The Federated designated day for Habitat for Humanity is Saturday, July 15th. They are still looking for food, donations and workers. Work might include building, painting, cleaning, etc.

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. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

The Federated Church Landscaping Committee has started the **Commemorative Tree Program, Rooted in Love**. The minimum donation to purchase a tree and plaque to be planted in memory or honor of a loved one is \$350.00. Any moneys less the tree/plaque will be used for the Landscaping Project for bushes, maintenance, etc. Pick up your form today in the Narthex or Office.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, June 25, 2023

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

Monday, June 26, 2023

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, Office
6:30pm Constitution Updates Team Meeting, office
7:00pm Troop 212 Den meeting, FH

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

7:00pm Governing Council Meeting, EC8
7:00pm Scouts #279 Den Meeting, FH

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

10:00am Staff Meeting, Church Office
12:00pm Youth Summer Mission Team Meeting
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, ZOOM
7:00pm Pipe Organ Task Force Meeting, EC8

Thursday, June 29, 2023

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, June 30, 2023

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, July 1, 2023

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, July 2, 2023

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 4 - Church office closed

July 6 - Commissioning of
Youth Summer Mission Team

July 6 & 9 - Operation Education Nairobi
Mission Team Report

July 8, 8:30am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

July 9 thru 14 - Youth Mission Trip
to Quad Cities, IA/IL

July 15 - Federated Church's
Habitat for Humanity Build Day

July 17 thru 21 - Missoula Children's Theater

July 29 - Annual Garage & Bake Sale

For the months of July, August and September we will be collecting leashes, pine sol and bleach for Paws & Claws. Thank you, **Social Concerns and Missions Committee**

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUMMER!

Share your talents with your
Federated Family!

There are plenty of Sundays
available, SIGN UP TODAY!

