



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, July 13 & Sunday, July 16, 2023
Seventh 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	
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Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons			Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i>	
Ruth Erwin	Sharon Kuncel	Kathy Leischner	Andree & Terry Hoeman, <i>Co-Historians</i>	
Laura Porter	Peg Meyer	Barb Olson		
Jean Royer		Lori Rine		

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, JULY 13 & SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

Nocturne in G Minor (Op 37, No 1)
James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

FREDERIC CHOPIN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God's creation delights and astonishes.

All: Let the people pause and wonder.

One: God, the Creator, has made it all.

All: Let all creation shout and sing. Alleluia!

♦ **OPENING HYMN #267**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Faithful God, your word falls on hardened ground

All: Our worldly anxiety and attachment to wealth crowds out your place in our lives.

One: Forgive our frail and human ways and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness.

All: For you are our hope for deliverance. Amen.

* **MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

* **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, God forgives our transgressions.

All: Be at peace for God restores and strengthens you

One: He waters your soul in its parched and hardened places

All: Happy are those who come into God's courts

One: For you shall be satisfied with the goodness of God

All: And we will rejoice in the holiness of God's temple. 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.

SING THE FAITH # 2164

Sanctuary (sung twice)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Lord, Bread of Life
RECORDED MAY 7, 2023

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brenda Sand, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 13 : 1 - 9, 18 - 23

Pew Bible, NT, pages 13 - 14

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

All: Thanks be to God!

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

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

In response to God's gracious action in our lives, we are called to give an offering to God. Our offering to God is our whole lives, including a part of what we have. Let us give an offering to God for God's purposes in our community and the world.

*** 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**

You call us to sow your word in all times and places, even when the ground is hard and shallow. For faith is a gift that comes from you, and fruitful discipleship is the work of your spirit in us. May the gifts we offer this day spread the good news of life abundant in Christ. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN #276**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

BENEDICTION

Go forth sowing the seed of God's new world, and give thanks, for God will supply the growth. May you go forth in joy and be led back in peace this day and always.

POSTLUDE

Tocatta for Pedals (BWV 564)
 Café LaFed will be hosted by John & Anita Hahn

J. S. BACH

The Garage & Bake Sale is July 29th, 7:30 am - 3 pm. Sorting, pricing, displaying will begin Monday July 24th, and continue through the week. Help is needed. Please just stop in anytime between 9:00 and 4:00. Stay for an hour or two, or for the day! We are asking for sign-ups for the day of the sale. You can stop by or call the office to sign up, or sign up before or after worship this week. If you have a great place for a yard sign, please pick one up after church this Sunday. Bake sale items can be dropped off on Friday, July 28, from 4-6:30, or Saturday morning before 8:00. Clean-up will be done on Monday July 31, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please come and help if you can. If you have questions contact Linda Wheatley or Sue Mares.

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Chancel Flowers are given by the Elwood family, in loving memory of their mother, Ruth Elwood, who passed away on August 14, 2022. Ruth was 98 years old.
- ◆ Pray for Richard Canaday, father of Julie Graham, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Rodney, son of Cheryl (Jean Royer's sister) and Lonnie. Rodney passed away on June 30th. There will be a graveside service at a later date.
- ◆ Pray for Brendon Rathje, son of Tim & Val Rathje, who is currently rehabbing in Eau Claire, Wisconsin following a motorcycle accident.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Falls City**
First Presbyterian Church of Falls City is enjoying hosting Wednesday's Mosaic Table for community members. A meal, movie and fellowship are offered on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month. Sometimes special guests are invited such as Falls City's Veterans and families involved in the SixPence program. Our basement entrance was recently remodeled to make it handicapped accessible. The funds for the project and some of the funds for the Mosaic Table dinners came from a much-appreciated grant through the Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation! Our Diaper Closet is over five years old now. It is open Mondays from 4 to 6 pm and provides diapers, wipes, lotion, laundry detergent, baby wash, baby and toddler clothing, blankets and many other items for children up to age five. Falls City will celebrate its annual Cobblestone Festival on August 27th. The Cobblestone Parade makes its turn at our church corner, so we encourage people to view the parade from our church balcony. Shade, seating and cold water are offered to parade watchers. Before the parade (10:15 to 11:00 am), the Buchanan Highlanders of St. Joseph, MO, provide a great bagpipe concert for everyone within a two-block radius. Our congregation is quite small, but we enjoy helping our community where we can. Please pray that our congregation continues to grow in spirit and in size!
- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Hartington First Congregational UCC (Hartington, 68739)**

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

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, July 16, 2023

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

Monday, July 17, 2023

7:00pm Troop 212 Den meeting, FH

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

7:00pm Scouts #279 Den Meeting, FH

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

9:30am Circle 1 Meeting - meeting in homes
10:00am Staff meeting, AD4
1:30pm Circle 2 Meeting, FH
7:00pm Circle 4 Meeting, EC8

Thursday, July 20, 2023

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, July 21, 2023

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, July 22, 2023

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, July 23, 2023

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 17 thru July 21 - Missoula Children's Theatre
July 29th - Annual Garage & Bake Sale
July 30th - Fifth Sunday Potluck
August 10-12 Columbus Days

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

You may pick up your contribution statement after service or stop in the office to pick it up anytime before July 23rd.

The Social Concerns and Mission Committee are sponsoring a church wide project—**Hygiene Kits** during the month of July. All 24 kits have been picked up and are being completed. **Thank you.**

Thank you!

Thank you to Anita Hahn, Paula Lange, Ruth Erwin and Karen Paben for donating cookies to the Thursday Red Cross Blood Drive for the month of July held at the United Methodist Outreach Center.

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