



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, July 20 & Sunday, July 23, 2023

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost; Youth Summer Mission Team Report

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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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, JULY 20 & SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TEAM REPORT

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

PRELUDE

Largo (Double Concerto for Violins—BWV 1043)

J. S. BACH

Megan Johnson & Laurie Ahlquist, Violin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

UCC Worship Ways

One: As we harvest our growing abundance in this time of mid-summer, may we relish in the fruit of our labor.

All: As we harvest the fruitful seeds of nature and God's Garden, let us share in the bounty with our neighbors.

One: While we channel resources – water, light, fertile ground to the produce we desire in our gardens, may we also recognize that the weed, the rabbit, the caterpillar also have needs for sustenance.

All: We have enough, and an attitude of plentifulness increases through sharing.

One: For what our land grows with our tending, is only ours for a moment in time, filling a short term and immediate need.

All: May we share the harvest by tithing back to nature, feeding the hungry among us, storing for the future without hoarding, and setting enough seed aside for the next season of planting.

*** OPENING HYMN #466**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of creation and plenty, it can be easy for us to forget the abundant nature of your love. We forget that there are ample riches from this earth if we manage your resources you and we share generously among all your beloved children. Guide us to give of that abundance, to receive with grace and gratitude, and to turn our hearts from the perception of scarcity. We confess that we fall short; and we ask that you show us the path again to your fruitful garden where all things grow and flourish.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** WORDS OF GRACE**

One: Let us know that God has always provided us with growth and abundance and will continue to guide us in the care of bounteous fields that spring forth with plant and animal, both weed and seed.

All: We are all worthy of this enduring joy and sustenance as beloved children of God.

One: Thanks be to God!

All: Amen!

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

One: Christ's love has no limits. It is given to all so we can be united as one in the body of Christ. May 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 Most Holy

CÉSAR FRANCK

Megan Johnson & Laurie Ahlquist, Violin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nicole Miller, Liturgist

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

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SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 13 : 24 - 30, 36 - 43

Pew Bible, NT, pages 14 - 15

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

All: Thanks be to God!

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TEAM REPORT

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

YOUTH MISSION TESTIMONIES

Brinlee Klevemann, Meg Weeder, Eliot Yang, Tessa Miller

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** - "God of the Fertile Field" by Georgia Harkness

God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:

**forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned,
that all in every land be clothed and fed.**

We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give;

help us in love to share, teach us like you to care for people everywhere, that all may live.

As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need, so your reign grows.

Let all our toil be used, no gift of yours abused, no humble task refused your love bestows.

God of the countryside, dear to the Christ who died to make us one:

we pledge our lives anew in faithful love to you. Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Amen.

***RESPONSIVE HYMN #436**

We Are Your People

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

As recipients of the many ways in which God provides, let us share this generosity with others whose seeds have not yet taken root, whose plots need tending.

*** 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.

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: We dedicate these resources to doing God's work among God's people.

All: May these gifts plant seeds of justice for God's children who seek it; may they remind us to love more mercifully; may all walk humbly as we learn to tread gently upon this earth. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN #435**

We All Are One in Mission

BENEDICTION

Go from this place during this harvest time and taste the ripeness of a plump tomato, the sweetness of fresh steamed corn, the crisp coolness of cucumbers. Please go in the knowledge that there is enough for all, be it God's earthly blessings that are so delicious and nourishing or God's love that connects us. Share in these gifts and know that we are all enough.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G Major (BWV 541)

J. S. BACH

Café LaFed will be hosted by John & Katie Claus

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

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JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for Brendon Rathje, son of Tim & Val Rathje, who is currently rehabbing in Green Bay, Wisconsin following a motorcycle accident.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of David Walline. David passed away on July 15, 2023. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. David and his wife, Linda, were previously members of Federated Church.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Fremont**
Fremont Presbyterian church is deep in the work of a church-wide mission study this summer. We are soon to elect a pastor nominating committee. We appreciate your prayers as we seek a pastor for our next joyful season of mission and ministry. This summer after a hiatus of more than 10 years, we hosted a vacation Bible school for the children who come to enjoy free lunch weekdays at the church. We continue to look for ways that our very extensive church building can continuously be used well for lively community projects.
- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Neligh First Congregational UCC (Neligh, 68756)**

Our special music today is brought to us by violinists Megan Johnson and Laurie Ahlquist. Megan is a member of the Columbus Symphonic Strings, and Laurie is Megan's mother from Worthington, MN. Megan was taught by her mother. Please welcome them!

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.**

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.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, July 23, 2023

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, July 24, 2023

8:00am Garage Sale Prep

7:00pm Troop 212 Den meeting, FH

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

8:00am Garage Sale Prep

7:00pm Scouts #279 Den Meeting, FH

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

8:00am Garage Sale Prep

10:00am Staff meeting, AD4

Thursday, July 27, 2023

8:00am Garage Sale Prep

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, July 28, 2023

8:00am Garage Sale Prep

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, July 29, 2023

7:30am Annual Garage & Bake Sale

Sunday, July 30, 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 10-13 Columbus Days

August 12 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast, FH

For the months of July, August and September we will be collecting Leashes, Pine Sol and Bleach for Paws and Claws. Thank you,
Social Concerns and Missions Committee

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