



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, August 10 & Sunday, August 13, 2023**  
**Eleventh 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](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, AUGUST 10 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

*Prelude in A Major*

J. S. BACH

*Canon in D Major*

JOHN PACHELBEL

James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

UCC Worship Ways

One: God moves among us.

**All: We welcome your presence, Lord, no matter by what means you arrive.**

One: Reach out your hand and I shall always be with you.

**All: We reach for you, Jesus, and trust that you are present when we fear or ache.**

One: Your presence, Oh Lord, calms the seas as it calms our hearts.

**All: May we rest assured that you are ever present with us, calming our worries as you carry our anxieties into softness.**

One: Let us worship God.

## \* OPENING HYMN #361

*How Firm a Foundation (verses 1 - 3)*

## \* INVOCATION

One: God of so many names, you command us to come to you, yet we are doubtful of our abilities to make the journey. We are so uncertain of our steps, yet we long to have the faith in ourselves that you have in us. Be with us and embolden us through faith to rise as we are called to walk with you and walk alongside those whose need companionship. Show us how to be children of God who can set skepticism down and take up the mantle of faithful presence.

## \* PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

**All: God our gentle parent, bring calm to the storms that batter us and blow us off course. We do not need to walk on water; we need only walk through our lives as whole and holy children who recognize that your love unites us, buoys us, and carries us forward to face miraculous challenges in a complex world. Help us to see through the clutter of daily existence in order to focus on what is most important: love, compassion, faith, and connection.**

## \* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

## \* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Even when we doubt, God is with us. God walks beside us, through us, with us, in all that we do.

**All: Miracles are among us if we see ourselves with God's loving gaze. Thanks be to God!**

## \* 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.

## \* HYMN #304

*Jesus Loves Me!*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Blessing of Backpacks

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Who Am I*

MARK HALL

STUART GAUSMAN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beth Sharpe, Liturgist

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

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 14 : 22 - 33

Pew Bible, NT, page 16

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

All: Thanks be to God!

## VIDEO

*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

PLAYBACK MEDIA

## SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** - “Loving Through the Storm” by John van de Laar

The worst storms, Jesus, are the ones caused by our fear,  
when we grow afraid of losing our power,

**or we grow suspicious of the power of others,**

**when we refuse to acknowledge your mysterious authority;**

Yet, it’s in the storm that we find our capacity to love.

In releasing our weak claim to power and opening to your reign,

**we discover a new way of seeing ourselves – as called and useful and beloved – and the other,  
whoever they may be – as dignified and precious and beloved.**

Here in the storm, Jesus, we need you, and we need each other, and the love you give us to  
share,

**leads us through sacrifice and self-giving to peace and calm, if only we will loose our hold on  
fear. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSIVE HYMN #404**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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 GENEROSITY (An offering plate and contribution box are available in the back of the  
church before and after each service, if you would like to make a donation. Thank you.)

The gifts of faith come to us in many ways, and the miracles we witness are not always so  
obvious. May the manifestation of God’s great abundance in our lives inspire us to generosity in  
as many ways as we see God’s love unfurl.

**\* 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 & THANKSGIVING**

**Holy One, we thank you for revealing yourself to us in ways both big and small, in ways  
miraculous and mundane. Use our gifts to further your loving justice in our communities near  
and far. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN GLORY TO GOD #177**

*I Will Come to You (see insert)*

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Basse et Dessus de Trompette*

LOUIS-NICHOLAS CLERAMBAULT

Café LaFed will be hosted by Mike & Sharyn Beard

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Continue to pray for all people recovering from surgery and/or going through cancer treatments: Robin Palik, Toni Gumm and Jeff Bruegger.
- ◆ Pray for Gary Puckett who was recently diagnosed with mouth cancer.
- ◆ Prayers for Georgia Behlen's neighbor and her family. Her neighbor is having a biopsy to see if she has pancreatic cancer.
- ◆ Prayers for the family of Vernon Steiner, brother of Carol Bottum, he passed away on July 23rd.
- ◆ Prayers for the family of Charles Ackerman, friend of Ruth Lind. Charles died August 5, 2023. Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 18th at the United Methodist Church in Milford.
- ◆ Prayers for Abelardo Abrego, Jesse & Marilyn Abrego's brother, who had open heart surgery August 11th.
- ◆ Pray for the Mission Trip members of Global Partners in Hope and our congregants, John Novotny and Bill Royer who will be traveling to Togo, Africa on August 12th. They will return on the 19th of August.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Hickman**  
Please pray for Hickman Presbyterian Church as we continue to navigate these strange post-pandemic waters. We are thankful for the continued commitment of our members, especially those who are stepping up to fill shoes that need to be filled. Please pray that we will find new ways to meet the needs of our congregation and our community.
- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Omaha Countryside Community Church UCC (Omaha, 68114)**

On August 5th, the Lions of District 38-O held officer training and meetings at Federated. They were very complementary of the facilities and of the excellent lunch prepared by our youth. A mighty 'roar' goes out to Brenda and her crew. The Lions motto is 'We Serve,' but on Saturday, they found themselves the ones being served. For more information about Lions Clubs International, contact Bob or Wilma Arp, Dave Melick, or Nila Novotny.

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, August 13, 2023

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

### Monday, August 14, 2023

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2  
5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee, EC7  
5:15pm Order of St. Andrew, EC8  
7:00pm Troop 212 Den meeting, FH

### Tuesday, August 15, 2023

6:30pm Christian Ed & Youth Ministry  
Joint Committee Meeting, EC4  
6:30pm Finance & Property Committee, EC8  
7:00pm Cub Scouts #279 Den Meeting, FH

### Wednesday, August 16, 2023

9:30am Circle 1 Meeting - meet in homes  
10:00am Staff meeting, AD4  
1:30pm Circle 2 Meeting, FH  
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online  
6:00pm Circle 4 Meeting, FH

### Thursday, August 17, 2023

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, August 18, 2023

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

### Saturday, August 19, 2023

No events scheduled

### Sunday, August 20, 2023

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 10-13 Columbus Days  
August 12 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast, FH  
August 12 - Homestead Presbytery Meeting at Calvin Crest  
August 13 - Blessing of Backpacks  
August 26 - Governing Council Retreat at St. Benedictine Center, Schuyler

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**

Volunteers are still needed for the following:

- ◆ Rescue Mission Meals (November & December)
- ◆ Ushers, Greeters, Café La Fed, & Special Music (Sundays during the Summer)
- ◆ Liturgists (all Sundays!!!)

**Exciting news from the Ed Center Renovation Team:** We are finally getting ready to start the renovation of the Education Center. Thanks go out to all the volunteers who have been working hard to gather information and bids for this large project and to the Governing Council and the Finance & Property Committee for approving this project. The project will start on the NORTH side and hallway with removal of old lighting, drywalling the ceilings and exposed water lines, painting ceilings and replacing all doors and windows. Then the project will move to the SOUTH side and proceed with the same plan. At this time, we would appreciate any help we can get to move the furniture from the north to the south side where it will be stored until this phase is completed. Moving days are scheduled for August 23rd – August 25th. We would appreciate help from anyone who can lift a chair or carry a table. There will be a sign-up sheet on the stand outside of the sanctuary for sign-up times and days. We will also be covering all the carpet with carpet tape because that will not be replaced until next summer. We want to thank everyone for your continued support and if you have any questions, please direct them to Marv Zoucha, Tim Warren, Julie Graham, or Wilma Arp by email or by phone.

A watercolor illustration of a giraffe, an antelope, and an owl flying, set against a background of green leaves.

# ED HOUR KICK-OFF

Sunday, September 10th

## FEDERATED CHURCH

8:45 AM - SALT ADULT ED CLASS  
9:00 AM - CHILDREN & YOUTH ED CLASS  
10:00 AM - WORSHIP  
11:00 AM - LUNCH

## I Will Come to You

## You Are Mine

*Leader or All*

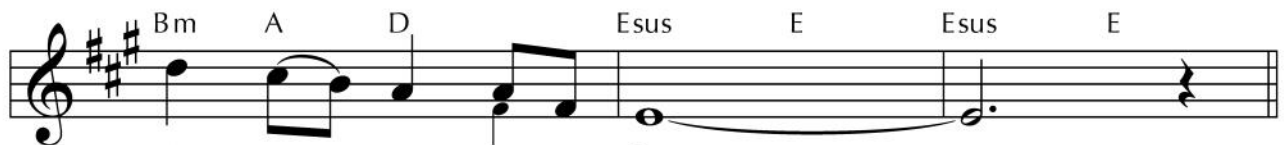
1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.



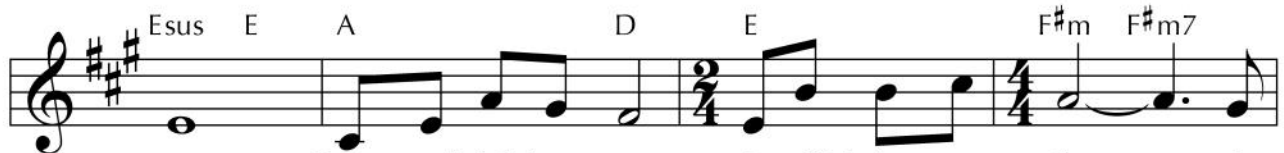
You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)  
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)  
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)  
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine."

4 "I