



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, August 17 & Sunday, August 20, 2023
Twelfth 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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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

*O Sing Unto God,
Sing With the Spirit*

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

MEDLEY

Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

Be Thou My Vision

ARR. NOLA KNOUSE

Dana Augspurger, Flute and Dave Melick, Trumpet

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Connections Worship Companion

One: How good and pleasant it is when the people of God live in unity!

All: It is like being anointed with precious oil running down the head.

One: It is like the morning dew, falling upon the mountains of Zion.

All: For there the Lord ordained this blessing: life forevermore.

* OPENING HYMN GTG # 438

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (see insert)

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

One: This is the promise of the gospel: God already knows you. God already loves you. God has already gifted you. God has already called you. You are invited - to deepen this knowledge, to feast in this love, to cultivate these gifts, and to follow this calling. There is a place for you among the people of God in this community of faith.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: God of all creatures and all people, you continue to surpass our expectations through your boundless love and faithfulness. Grant us the humility to recognize the ways you already move among those who are strange to us, and the empathy and courage both to be strangely radical in our welcome and to be received as strangers among those you call us to love. We pray this through the Holy Spirit, our counselor and comforter, who moves wild and wind-like among us. Amen.

* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

* 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

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC

Fairest Lord Jesus

ARR. N. KNOUSE

Dave Melick & Dana Augspurger

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Julie Graham, Liturgist

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

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438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands.
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side which flowed
Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.



Though scholars discredit the story that this hymn was written when the author found shelter under a large rock during a thunderstorm, the popular appeal of that conjecture perhaps lies in the energy of this plea and the vividness of its imagery drawn from many biblical sources.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45 : 1 - 15

Pew Bible, OT, page 42

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "Affirmation of Unity" by Nolan Palsma

We share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;

have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism,

eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one Name,

are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.

Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ;

are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;

know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ

that we need one another and up build one another, admonishing and comforting one another;

that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness.

Together we pray; together we serve God in this world. Amen.

*RESPONSIVE SONG (SING THE FAITH) # 2226 *Bind Us Together*

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 (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.)

God calls us to be good stewards of the gifts of the earth so there will be enough for everyone.

Let us share what we have, entrusting the gifts of our lives to the work of the Lord.

* 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, by your providence you have preserved your people through many times of trouble.

Bless and keep us in these days, that we may know your abundant love and proclaim your saving work; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN # 438

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Exultate Deo

V. Williams

Café LaFed will be hosted by Steve & Sue McClure

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for all the people recovering from surgery and/or going through cancer treatments: Robin Palik, Toni Gumm, Jeff Bruegger, Abelardo Abrego and Gary Puckett.
- ◆ Pray for the mission trip members of Global Partners in Hope and our congregants, John Novotny and Bill Royer, who are serving in Togo, Africa, August 12th - 21st.
- ◆ Congratulations to Columbus Federated Church for taking 3rd place at the Columbus Days Parade. Thank you to all who worked on this project.
- ◆ Congratulations to Steve Heinisch on his retirement from Central Community College!
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Laurel**
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Laurel 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: Omaha First Central Congregational Church UCC (Omaha, 68131)**

Garage Sale Fund total \$8,385.00
Thank you all who were involved in this year's very successful sale!

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!!!)

We are finally getting ready to start the renovation of the Education Center. We are looking for help moving furniture from the North to the South on Aug. 23 - 25, let us know if you can help. Please direct any questions to Marv Zoucha, Tim Warren, Julie Graham, or Wilma Arp by email or by phone.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, August 20, 2023

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

Monday, August 21, 2023

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
- 4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers practice, gym
- 7:00pm Troop 212 Den meeting, FH

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

- 7:00pm Cub Scouts #279 Den Meeting, FH

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

- 12:30pm All Staff meeting, EC8
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online

Thursday, August 24, 2023

- 4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers practice, gym
- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, August 25, 2023

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, August 26, 2023

- 9:00am carpooling, Governing Council Retreat

Sunday, August 27, 2023

- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Confirmation Meeting
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Support our Columbus area and surrounding Communities. Check the bulletin boards by the church entrances to see all flyers with complete details.

- ~ Friends of Music, Columbus Middle School
- ~ Spaghetti Dinner, St. John's Lutheran Church, Shell Creek
- ~ Blessed Christian Women, 1C Church
- ~ Kamp Kaleo, Burwell, Sept. 8 - 10
- ~ Pals N' Play, 1C Church
- ~ Reading Biblical Literature, St. John's Lutheran Church Shell Creek
- ~ and many more, events change often!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- August 26 - Governing Council Retreat at St. Benedictine Center, Schuyler
- September 4 - Labor Day, Church building will be closed
- September 10 - Ed Hour Kick-off
- September - Horn T Zoo during Ed Hour

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

Burn Area
(10AUG2023)



ESTIMATED EXPOSURE



Capital exposure is the estimated cost to rebuild.

ESTIMATED BUILDING EXPOSURE



BREAKDOWN OF POTENTIAL NEEDS



Needs estimates are based on the estimated sheltered population.

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Population and capital exposure calculated using PDC's All Hazards Impact Model (AIM). Capital exposure represents existing infrastructure exposed to hazard impacts and is not an estimate of losses. Vulnerable population based on pre-existing socio-economic indicators. Key needs based on FEMA Guidelines. Severity of impacts will vary throughout the affected area and are for planning purposes only | Data: PDC, County of Maui, NASA, Esri

Both the UCC and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance are making special appeals for the fires in Hawai'i. As you can see above, the Lahaina fire has devastated a large portion of the area. Many people have been effected and, still, many people are still missing. The current count of those who have lost their lives continues to rise, but, at the time we are writing this, there are 106 people killed by the fires and more than 1,000 still missing.

In one article from the Presbytery, there are no PC(USA) churches on Maui or the Big Island (where the fires are) and only a few on Oahu, but there is a large number UCC congregation throughout the state. The Presbytery has contacted the UCC to see how they can assist. They said "Prayers!" So, please pray for these congregations, the grieving families and those who still need to be found! Pray for healing of the land and the people!

If you would like to donate, please write in the memo of your check "Hawai'i Fire Disaster Relief" and Chrissy will know what to do!