



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, August 24 & Sunday, August 27, 2023**  
**Thirteenth 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 24 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

*Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness*

J. S. BACH

James Sharpe, Organ and Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Alison Wagner

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 138

One: We give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart, and sing your praise.

**All: We praise your Name, because of your love and faithfulness.**

One: You have glorified your Name and your word above all things.

**All: Though the Lord be high, the Lord cares for the lowly and perceives the haughty from afar**

One: The Lord's love endures forever

**All: O Lord, your love endures forever**

One: Come – Let us worship God.

**\* OPENING HYMN # 420**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

**\* CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: Our God is a loving God – full of grace and compassion. ----By recognizing our faults and humbly and honestly confessing our sin ----we come a step closer to becoming the person that our Lord made us to be. -----Let us come before God now, together and then silently and privately to confess our sin before God who loves us dearly.

**\* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Forgiving God - We confess that we too often lose sight of your presence and conform instead to the pressures and expectations of the world around us. You created the bountiful world in which we live and granted us the privilege of caring for it. Yet in our busyness we lose sight of that which you want us to do and exploit that which you have entrusted to our care. We become preoccupied with our own needs and lose sight of the needs of those around us. As we come humbly before you now, open our hearts and minds to your transforming Spirit, that we may become the people that you made us to be. Hear us now, as we silently come before you to confess our sin.**

**\* SILENT CONFESSION OF PERSONAL SINS**

One: Through Jesus Christ we pray,

**All: Amen**

**\* WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Our God is a loving God – full of grace and compassion. Not one sheep in God's flock is lost. The psalmist reminds us that "the Lord will make good his purpose" for us (Ps 138:9). Therefore, friends, know that through the Holy Spirit and the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ -- our sins are forgiven.

**\* 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.

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

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**\* HYMN #304**

*Jesus Loves Me!*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amanda Weeder

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brenda Sand, Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Exodus 1 : 8 - 2 : 10

Letter to the Romans 12 : 1 - 8

Pew Bible, OT, pages 48-49

Pew Bible, NT, pages 161 - 162

Rev. Jane Holtzclaw

**SERMON**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—NICENE CREED (responsive reading)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
**maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,**

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

**through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSIVE SONG # 324**

*Open My Eyes That I May See*

**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 has been gracious in providing for all that we need. It is right that in gratitude and thanksgiving we return a portion of the fruits of our labors, whether it be financial, our skills, or our time, back to God.

**\* 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**

**Almighty God – We ask that you accept these gifts given to you, as a living sacrifice, in thanksgiving for all that you have given us. Guide their use for the betterment of your kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN #403**

***What A Friend We Have in Jesus***

**\* BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*God of Grace and God of Glory (Cwm Rhondda)*

Paul Manz

Café LaFed will be hosted by the Weeders

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

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

- ◆ Pray for the family of Henry Abrego, Jesse & Marilyn Abrego's brother, who passed away on Monday, August 21st. Also pray for safe travels for Jesse & Marilyn, as they head down to Texas to be with their family.
- ◆ Please continue to pray for Brendon Rathje as he recovers from an accident. Thankfully he is making progress, but there is much more to go for a full recovery.
- ◆ Congratulations to Steve Heinisch on his retirement from Central Community College!
- ◆ Congratulations to Dr. Tyler Curry And Allison Seufert, they were married in Omaha on August 19th. Tyler is the son of John & Deb Curry.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Lincoln Eastridge**  
In May, Eastridge celebrated its 70th anniversary and began working with the LeaderWise Bridge Builder process to look back at the first 70 years of church life, to review where we are right now, and to vision what is ahead for the church. We give prayers of thanks for the opportunity to take part in the process, and we pray that we will be able to discern the path God intends for Eastridge in the future. We also give prayers of thanks for the 10 years of pastoral care and leadership provided by the Rev. Dr. Melodie Jones Pointon, senior pastor, and the Rev. Thomas Dummermuth, associate pastor. The Rev. Dr. Jones Pointon and the Rev. Dummermuth have developed the Sunrise Road Podcast to connect and inspire. Eastridge supported several youth who, along with youth from First Presbyterian, Lincoln, went on a mission

trip to a Native reservation in North Dakota, and we sponsored a Mental Health Cafe to raise awareness of mental health issues in our community and Congregation. While the past three years have been challenging for the staff and congregation, we give praise that we are still together to worship, learn, and serve.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Omaha Northwest Hills UCC** (Omaha, 68134)

**THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH**

**Sunday, August 27, 2023**

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11:15am Confirmation Meeting  
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

**Monday, August 28, 2023**

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

**Tuesday, August 29, 2023**

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

**Wednesday, August 30, 2023**

10:00am Staff meeting, AD2  
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online

**Thursday, August 31, 2023**

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

**Friday, September 1, 2023**

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

**Saturday, September 2, 2023**

*No events scheduled*

**Sunday, September 3, 2023**

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

**Monday, September 4, 2023 - Labor Day**

Church Building Closed

**ATTENTION ALL SINGERS AND RINGERS!!**

We are excited that the new season for Chancel Choir and Bells of Joy is just around the corner! Rehearsals will start on Wednesday, September 6 for both groups, and we would love to have you join us. Bells of Joy rehearsal starts at 6:30 in the sanctuary, and Chancel Choir rehearsal starts at 7:30 in the choir room. Please contact Stuart Gausman, or the church office for more information. We are looking forward to another wonderful year in the Music Ministry of