



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, August 31 & Sunday, September 3, 2023
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Service of Wholeness & Healing

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 31 & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 2023

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

Cantabile

CÉSAR FRANCK

James Sharpe, Organ and Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Book of Common Worship, PC(USA)

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: maker of heaven and earth.

One: God consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction.

All: For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.

* **OPENING HYMN # 341**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Jesus said: Ask and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

All: For every one who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

One: Friends in Christ, God knows our needs before we ask, and in our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace. Let us open our lives to God's healing presence, seeking peace with God and reconciliation with our neighbors. Let us confess our sin together.

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

* **MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

One: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, a peace the world cannot give."

Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

* **SING THE FAITH #2193**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (sung twice)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC

Healer

KARI JOBE

iWorship DVD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Alison Wagner, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3 : 1 - 15

Pew Bible, OT, pages 50

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 – 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.**

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN GTG# 250***In the Bulb There is a Flower (see insert)*

ORDER FOR ANOINTING

Book of Worship, United Church of Christ

THANKSGIVING OVER OIL

INVITATION TO ANOINTING

One: Those who desire to be anointed for spiritual healing may come forward. If you wish us to come to you, raise your hand or ask your neighbor to identify you for us. You may come for yourself, or you may come as a channel of God's healing power for someone else. During the anointing, we invite all present to make silent prayers for each one who is seeking God's healing.

ACT OF ANOINTING

_____, as I anoint you, so may God grant you the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit. With infinite mercy, may God forgive your sins, release you from suffering, and restore you to health and strength. May God deliver you from all evil, preserve you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(Communion is served in the pews. Please hold bread and cup to partake together. Federated Church celebrates an open table, meaning all who trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Children are welcome to receive communion with the permission of parents/guardians as part of the family's on-going conversations about faith. After partaking, please place cups in the pew holders.)

COMMUNION SONGS

**God of All Goodness
Come and Fill Our Hearts**

(Words are on the screens; sing repetitively, as a prayer, aloud or silently)

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.)

*** 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**

Mighty God, you rise with healing in your wings. As we wait in hope for the coming of that day when crying and pain shall be no more, help us by your Holy Spirit to receive your power into our lives and to trust in your eternal love, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN #394**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

MYRON CASNER

Café LaFed will be hosted by Finance & Property Committee

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Congratulations to Dr. Tyler Curry and Allison Seufert, they were married in Omaha on August 19th. Tyler is the son of John & Deb Curry.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Ina Gay, mother of Tammy & Tom Hempstead. Ina passed away on Saturday, August 26 in Lincoln. A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Jeff Olson, brother of Jeanne Johnson and Barb Olson, who passed away on Thursday, August 24th in Lincoln, NE.
- ◆ 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 travel to and from Texas to be with their family.
- ◆ Pray for Terry Norris who had knee replacement surgery a month ago and had to undergo another procedure recently.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Lincoln First**
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Lincoln First 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: Pierce UCC** (Pierce, 68767

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, September 3, 2023

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, September 4, 2023 - Labor Day

Office is closed

7:00pm Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

6:30pm Christian Education Committee Meeting

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

7:00pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

10:00am Staff meeting, AD2

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 7, 2023

12:30pm The 70's Group

4:00pm CHS Diamond Dancers practice, gym

6:00pm Petah La Shauro Roundtable, FH

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

7:30pm Order of the Arrow

Friday, September 8, 2023

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service

Saturday, September 9, 2023

8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, FH

Sunday, September 10, 2023

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:15am Youth Ministry Committee Meeting

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

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 Federated Church!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 4 - Labor Day,
Church building will be closed
September 6 - Rehearsals begin for Bell & Vocal
Choirs
September 9 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
September 10 - Ed Hour Kick-off with Hot Dog Lunch &
Ice Cream Social
September 16 - Organ Recital & Ice Cream Social
September 17 - Horn T Zoo during Ed Hour;
Commissioning of Acolytes & Youth Ushers
September 24 - Bibles for 3 Year Olds & 3rd Graders

Volunteers are still needed for the following:

- ◆ Rescue Mission Meals (November & December)
- ◆ Liturgists (all Sundays!!!)

NEWS FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Federated Committee Fair SEPTEMBER 10th in the Narthex

The Nominating Committee is hosting a Committee Fair on Sunday September 10th.

This will be a chance for you to get information and ask questions about each of the Federated Church Committees. ALSO YOUR CHANCE to volunteer to join a committee. Come, See, Hear & Volunteer!

- * Order of St. Andrew
- * Christian Education Committee
- * Youth Ministry Committee
- * Endowment Committee
- * Finance & Property Committee
- * Personnel Committee
- * Worship & Music Committee
- * Nominating Committee
- * Social Concerns & Missions Committee
- * Stewardship Committee
- * Membership & Growth Committee

The Federated Church Landscaping Committee has started the **Commemorative Tree Program, Rooted in Love**. The minimum donation to purchase a tree and plaque to be planted in memory or honor of a loved one is \$350.00. Any moneys less the tree/plaque will be used for the Landscaping Project for bushes, maintenance, etc. Pick up your form today in the Narthex or Office.

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

Ed Hour Kick-off Events

EDUCATION HOUR RESUMES SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH

8:45 AM SALT (ADULTS)

9:00 AM CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM WORSHIP



SEPTEMBER 10TH @ 11:00 AM
HOT DOG LUNCH
ICE CREAM SOCIAL



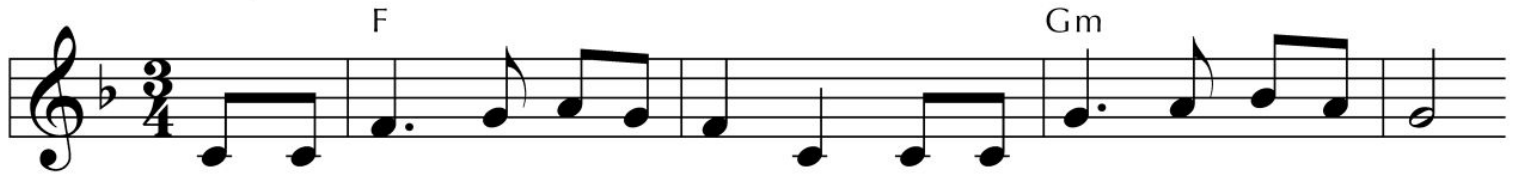
SEPTEMBER 17TH @ 9:00 AM
SPECIAL GUEST
HORN T ZOO

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D)

(Em)



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7)

(D)



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

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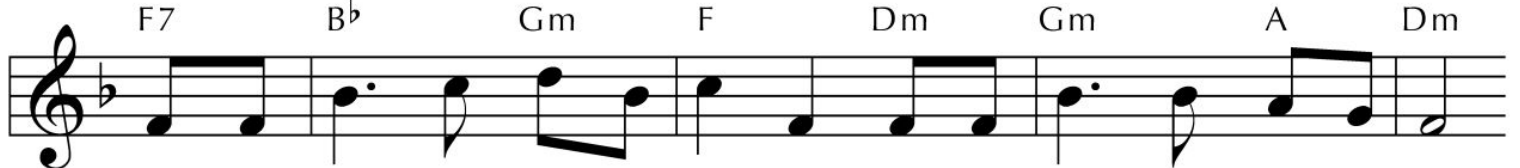
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In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

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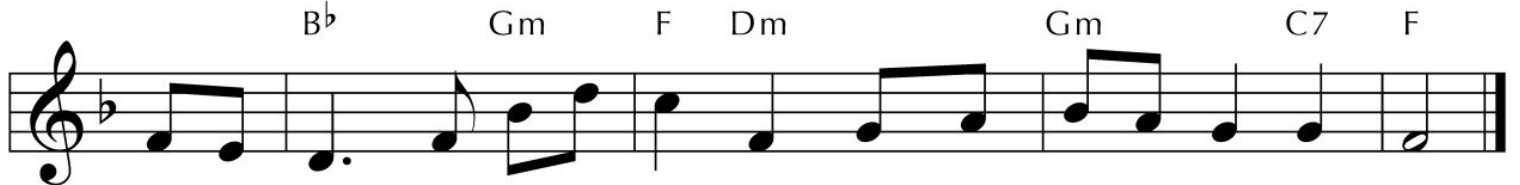
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un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning." Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.