



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, September 14, & Sunday, September 17, 2023
Sixteenth 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.

Governing Council - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
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Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons			Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia El Buen Pastor Fellowship	Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i>
Ruth Erwin	Sharon Kuncel	Kathy Leischner	Andree & Terry Hoeman, <i>Co-Historian</i>	
Laura Porter	Peg Meyer	Barb Olson		
Jean Royer		Lori Rine		

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST;

COMMISSIONING OF ACOLYTES, YOUTH USHERS, MUSICIANS, BELL & CHANCEL CHOIRS

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

PRELUDE

Prelude in A Major (BWV 536)

J. S. BACH

How Shall I Greet Thee (Moderato)

ERNST PEPPING

Water Music Suite (Adagio)

G. F. HANDEL

James Sharpe, Organ & Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

“The Gift of Giving”

RYPE.TV

Video

* **CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 103)**

Presbyterian Outlook

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

All: Bless God’s holy name.

One: God forgives. God heals. Gods transforms with steadfast love.

All: Bless God’s holy name.

One: Let us worship God.

* **OPENING HYMN # 138**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Before we can hear God’s truth spoken in love, we must free ourselves from all that obstructs us from honestly acknowledging our wrongdoing. Let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to God.

All: Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love. Amen

* **MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed and restored to God’s path of righteousness. Amen.

* **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

CHORAL ANTHEM

A Jubilant Call to Praise

JOSEPH M. MARTIN

Chancel Choir; Reagan Gausman, Director; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist

COMMISSIONING OF ACOLYTES AND YOUTH USHERS - *Names on Screen*

COMMISSIONING OF MUSICIANS - *Names on Screen*

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 18 : 21 - 35

Pew Bible, NT, pages 20

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Tyranny of Vengeance” by John van de Laar

Here we are again, God.

With all that makes us who we are, all that fills our lives;

**Carrying into this place of joy and freedom the burdens we just can't seem to lay down,
The weight of all the scores we long to have settled, the justice we want to demand for the
wrongs we have suffered**

Yet we also know what would happen if you were to deal with us justly;
with our greeds and violences, our betrayals and lusts.

If justice was served in our lives we could not stand.

So forgive us our wrongs, God, forgive us as we do not deserve;

forgive us against the demands of justice;

And forgive our obsession that justice be done to those who have wronged us.

**May our worship lead us to the place where our hunger for grace and mercy may be filled,
And where we may be freed from the tyranny of vengeance. Amen.**

* RESPONSIVE HYMN #280 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

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.)

We are inspired to be generous by a generous God. We are inspired to give by the greatest of givers. In gratitude to God, let us present our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY

Praise the Lord

WAGNER

Bells of Joy; Stuart Gausman, Director

* 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 God, bless these gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive.

Use these gifts to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN #298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory (Cwm Rhondda)

PAUL MANZ

Café LaFed will be hosted by Good Shepherd Church Service, Antonio Garcia

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Congratulations to Jonathan Philip Strevey and Hannah Le who will be married on September 16, 2023 in Colorado. Jonathan is the son of Sara Dixon Strevey and grandson of Chris & Laretta Dixon.
- ◆ We would like to thank you for all the kind words, prayers, cards, and gifts since Brendon's accident. Having the support and love of our church family has been a huge comfort to us all. We welcome you to continue to pray for healing as Brendon regains his strength and resumes life. ~ Tim, Val and Brendon Rathje
- ◆ Thank you for sending card, thoughts and prayers to us in the loss of our brother, Henry. Sincerely, Jesse and Marilyn Abrego.
- ◆ Pray for Jan Pickrel who is recovering from a minor procedure.
- ◆ Pray for Brian Marker, son of Steve & Jackie Marker, who will need heart surgery.
- ◆ Pray for Bill Irby and his family. Bill was recently placed on hospice.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery:** *Lincoln Good Shepherd* Gracious God, I lift up the work and worship of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, asking for Your continued guidance and blessing. As they continue to facilitate and serve as a depot for the CWS Gift of the Heart Kit Mission, may their hands be an extension of Your love, providing relief and solace to those in need. Empower and direct their ministry teams to achieve their goals for 2023, ensuring that their upcoming service day at Camp Calvin Crest becomes a testament of our commitment to building community. Let the seeds of Your Word take deep root in their hearts, growing each member spiritually, that they draw closer to You and reflect Your love. Let them serve You God and neighbor with love, joy, humor, and dedication. Through the power of Your mighty Holy Spirit, in the strong name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association:** *Ralston UCC* (Ralston, 68127)

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, September 17, 2023

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

Monday, September 18, 2023

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

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

- 5:30pm Consonnaires, Choir Room
- 6:30pm Finance & Property Committee

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

- 9:00am Circle 1 Meeting, Marilyn Vrana's home
- 10:00am Staff meeting, AD2
- 1:30pm Circle 2 meeting, Rogalyn Steven's home
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
- 6:00pm Circle 4 Meeting, FH
- 6:30pm Bells of Joy Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 21, 2023

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, September 22, 2023

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service

Saturday, September 23, 2023

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, September 24, 2023

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 17 - Horn T Zoo during Ed Hour;
Commissioning of Acolytes & Youth Ushers;
Commissioning of Bell & Vocal Choirs
September 24 - Bibles for 3 Year Olds & 3rd Graders

Anyone who is interested in transplanting Hosta's this fall, please contact Wilma Arp or Sue McClure. The area will be marked with flags. We will start after service on September 17. You can dig them yourself or bring a box and we can help you.

A great BIG thank you to all the folks who assisted in the preparation of getting the Education Center ready for the renovation. It took time and hard work, but we are finally ready to get started. Those assisting in the tasks were: John Hahn, John Petersen, Paul Sanderson, Larry Mares, Tim Rathje, Dave Melick, Sue McClure, Bob Arp, Wayne McCormick, Steve Heinisch, Terry Hoeman, the church staff, and Marv Zoucha. The contractors will begin removing light fixtures, dry wall the ceilings, cover all plastic water lines with soffits, install new doors and windows, paint all ceilings, mount new light fixtures, and paint all walls. This is a huge undertaking, and we would like to thank the congregation for their continued support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marv Zoucha, Wilma Arp, Tim Warren or any members of the Finance and Property Committee.