



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, September 28, & Sunday, October 1, 2023
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost; World Communion

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, SEPTEMBER 28, & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; WORLD COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE

Seelenbräutigam

GERALD NEAR

Adagio in F Major (Sonata 1, op 2)

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

James Sharpe, Organ & Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

VIDEO

“Prayer of Peace in Choctaw & English”

Presbyterian Mission Agency

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

PC(USA) Peace & Global

Witness

One: We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,

All: to celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace.

One: This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us.

All: We praise God’s name! Amen!

*** OPENING HYMN # 306**

Fairest Lord Jesus

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Faced with God’s goodness we recognize our failings. In the knowledge of God’s mercy, we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world. In the confidence of God’s children let us confess our sins.

All: Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We ignore the poor and the weak and honored the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: “God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ,” through whom our sins were forgiven.

All: May he help us to continue to “preach peace to those who are near and far.” Amen.

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

One: In Jesus Christ, we know God’s forgiveness and peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share that peace with one another.

*** HYMN # 333**

Seek Ye First

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Doug Williams, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 21 : 23 - 32

Pew Bible, NT, pages 23 - 24

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 (video)**

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 (Sing the Faith) # 2223 *They'll Know We Are Christians***

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 ongoing conversations about faith. After partaking, please place cups in the pew holder.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Help us rise in your resurrection power from this table where you, the Ruler of the Universe, have served us by your own hand, that we may extend your arms of peace to a world at war. This we ask through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. May all honor and glory and dominion be yours Now and forevermore. 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**

Our God who is our Creator God, bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships. Bless us with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people. Bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war. Bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN GTG #340**

This Is My Song (see insert for words and music)

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Our God, Our Help, in Ages Past (St. Anne)

HEALEY WILLAN

Café LaFed will be hosted by Linda Wheatley

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Prayers for Ben & Marilyn Vrana, who are both recovering from COVID.
- ◆ Happy 70th Anniversary to Chris & Laretta Dixon. Join the Celebration on October 8th from 2pm to 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. No gifts, no cards, just your presence.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery:** *Lincoln Korean*
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Lincoln Korean 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:** *Stanton New England Congregational UCC (Stanton NE 68779)*

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, October 1, 2023

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

Monday, October 2, 2023

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
- 4:00pm Special Olympics Basketball/CHS Dancers
- 5:15pm Order of St. Andrew Meeting
- 7:00pm Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

- 5:30pm Consonnaires, Choir Room
- 5:30pm Girl Scouts of America Meeting, gym
- 6:30pm Christian Education Committee
- 7:00pm Worship & Music Committee

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

- 10:00am Staff meeting, AD2
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
- 5:15pm Nominating Committee, FH
- 6:30pm Bells of Joy Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:30pm Puppet Rehearsal, Gym
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, October 5, 2023

- 12:30pm The 70's Group
- 6:00pm Petah La Shauro Roundtable Mtg., FH
- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Order of the Arrow Meeting, FH

Friday, October 6, 2023

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service

Saturday, October 7, 2023

- 9:00am PEO Meeting, Brunch, FH

Sunday, October 8, 2023

- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15am Youth Ministry Committee
- 2:00pm Dixon 70th Wedding Anniversary, FH
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 14 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- October 15 - Children's Sabbath; Operation Education Nairobi Fundraiser
- October 19, 22 - Recognition of New Members
- October 22 - Sunday Funday
- October 26 - Trunk or Treat
- October 29 - Fall Congregational Meeting
- November 16 - Cookies N' More



SAVE THE DATE...
2023
Cookies N' More
November 16th

This Is My Song



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

For the months of October, November and December we will be collecting New Items - Gloves, Mittens, Scarves and Hats for the Angel Tree.
 Thank you,
Social Concerns and Missions Committee

Volunteers are still needed for the following:

- ◆ Liturgists (all Sundays!!!)
- ◆ Education Hour (Teachers/Helpers)

NEWS FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is still looking for people to volunteer and serve for the committees listed below. Please reflect on these groups and find where your gifts and talents would help our church best! If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Julie Graham, Alison Wagner or Pastor Edward!

- * Governing Council (1)
- * Youth Ministry Committee (1)
- * Worship & Music Committee (1)
- * Nominating Committee (3)
- * Membership & Growth Committee (2)