



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, October 5, & Sunday, October 8, 2023
Nineteenth 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, OCTOBER 5, & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

Sarabande (Pour le Piano Suite)

CLAUDE DEBUSSY

James Sharpe, Organ & Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Feasting on the Word

One: "Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

All: I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."

One: As the Scriptures promise: the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

All: This is the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes.

* OPENING HYMN # 379

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Whatever good we may have done is nothing compared to the righteousness of Christ. Whatever wrong we may have done is nothing compared to the grace of God. With faith in Christ's righteousness and confidence in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

All: Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice. Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Our salvation does not depend on anything we have done, but comes from the grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ. This is the good news:

All: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

* 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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Give To the Lord

RON KENOLY

H.I.S. PUPPETEERS

Katie Claus, Julie Graham, Brinlee Klevemann, Tessa Miller, Ellie Porter, Meg Weeder

CHORAL ANTHEM

Praise to Lord!

DON BESIG AND NANCY PRICE

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marilyn Abrego, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 21 : 33 - 46

Pew Bible, NT, page 24

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

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

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*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - from from PC(USA) "Confession of 1967"**

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.

He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.

His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death.

In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted.

God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways.

It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil.

These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

The risen Christ is the savior of all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as God's reconciling community.

Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.

The same Jesus Christ is the judge of all people. His judgment discloses the ultimate seriousness of life and gives promise of God's final victory over the power of sin and death.

To receive life from the risen Lord is to have life eternal; to refuse life from him is to choose the death which is separation from God. All who put their trust in Christ face divine judgment without fear, for the judge is their redeemer. Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN # 76**

My Song is Love Unknown (verses 1, 2 & 5)

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.)

Without Christ, all that we have is nothing. With Christ, all that we have is everything. Let us offer what we have to 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**

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for all your good gifts, and above all, for the gift of knowing Christ our Savior. Strengthen us as we continue to strive for the heavenly prize that you offer: eternal and abundant life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN # 361**

How Firm a Foundation (verses 1 - 3)

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Come, God the Creator, Holy Ghost (BWV 667)

J. S. BACH

Café LaFed will be hosted by Nominating Committee

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ **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 Southern Heights* Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Lincoln Southern Heights 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:** *Tilden Peace UCC* (Tilden, NE 68781)

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, October 8, 2023

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

Monday, October 9, 2023

4:00pm Special Olympics Basketball/CHS Dancers
5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee
6:30pm Membership & Growth Committee
7:00pm Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

5:30pm Consonnaires, Choir Room
5:30pm Girl Scouts of America Meeting, gym
7:00pm Personnel Committee

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

10:00am Staff meeting, AD2
6:30pm Bells of Joy Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:30pm Puppet Rehearsal, Gym
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, October 12, 2023

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, October 13, 2023

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service

Saturday, October 14, 2023

8:00am Private Wedding & Reception
8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, FH

Sunday, October 15, 2023

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

The congregation is invited to attend the Federated Church Memorial Tree dedication ceremony on Oct. 15, 2023, immediately following the 10:00 worship service. We will be honoring Dr. Leon Miller DVM & Sherry Miller, Sam Scheidegger, Marian Hanner, and Jim & Bobbie Uhlmann. Please join us on the west side of the Education Center after the service. The landscape committee would like to thank these families for their support of the Federated Church Memorial Tree Program. Please contact Wilma Arp or Sue McClure if you are interested in learning how to donate a tree in honor of your loved one.



COOKIES 'N MORE is right around the corner! (November 16th) Sign up sheets are in the Narthex and it would be a great help if you could volunteer your services. Callers will be calling in a few weeks to ask if you will bring cookies.

This has always been a fun and engaging event - with all of us working together, we can be sure of success!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 14 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
October 15 - Children's Sabbath; Operation Education
Nairobi Fundraiser; Memorial Tree Dedication Ceremony
October 19 & 22 - Recognition of New Members
October 22 - Sunday Funday
October 26 - Trunk or Treat
October 29 - Fall Congregational Meeting
November 5 - Heritage Sunday with Potluck