



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, October 12, & Sunday, October 15, 2023
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost; Children's Sabbath

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	
Julie Graham, <i>President</i>			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D.	Brenda Sand
Alison Wagner, <i>Vice President</i>			<i>Pastor/Head of Staff</i>	<i>Christian Education Director</i>
<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	Stuart Gausman	Chrissy Ford
Jesse Abrego	Donna Augspurger	Pat Anderson	<i>Bell Choir Director</i>	<i>Office Administrator</i>
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Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons			James Sharpe	Mark Baumann
Ruth Erwin	Sharon Kuncl	Kathy Leischner	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Custodian</i>
Laura Porter	Peg Meyer	Barb Olson	Amanda Weeder	Beatriz Garcia Lopez
Jean Royer		Lori Rine	<i>Accompanist</i>	<i>Nursery Attendant</i>
Andree & Terry Hoeman, <i>Co-Historians</i>			Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia	
Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i>			<i>El Buen Pastor Fellowship</i>	

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; CHILDREN'S SABBATH

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

PRELUDE

Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness

J. S. BACH

James Sharpe, Organ & Piano

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Georgia Behlen

MOMENT FOR MISSION

VIDEO

Operation Education Nairobi

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: You have been called to the banquet.

All: This is the feast.

One: You have been summoned to the wedding.

All: This is the feast of life and light.

One: From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

All: We have come to the banquet that has no end. Alleluia! Amen!

* OPENING HYMN # 478

Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us come before the throne of God, the mercy seat, with all of our humanity, open to the peace of promised forgiveness.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us. Be our guide and conscience. Turn your feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to you.

* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: The God of peace, who calls all creation to live in unity, hears your plea.

All: In the spirit of feasting and thanksgiving, in the mercy of Almighty God, you are forgiven.

One: For the sake of Christ Jesus, our Savior, who died and rose from the dead to destroy the shroud of despair, rejoice!

* 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

BELLS OF JOY

Let Praises Fill the Sky!

WAGNER

Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beth Sharpe, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 22 : 1 - 14

Pew Bible, NT, page 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**

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 # 506 *Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness***

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.)

Because God has given you a great banquet, let your thanksgiving overflow with joyous giving for the sake of others.

OFFERTORY

On Wings of Love and Prayer

WAGNER

*** 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**

God of compassion and generous love, we give you thanks for the riches of Earth, which sustain our lives and which you have created for our joy. We thank you for Jesus, whose life, death, resurrection, and ascension renews our strength and revives our hope. We give you thanks for the Holy Spirit, who comes among us, invites us to dine with each other and with you, and keeps us in faith. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need and the work of your church. In peace, we pray our thanksgiving. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN SING THE FAITH # 2284 *Joy in the Morning****** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Old One Hundredth

JOHANN PACHELBEL

Café LaFed will be hosted by Youth Ministry Committee

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Prayers for Ben & Marilyn Vrana as their health continues to improve and for Ben to get settled in a new facility this weekend.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery:** *Lincoln Westminster* Westminster Presbyterian invites prayers of thanksgiving for the new '23-'24 year of opportunities for faith and growth as individuals and a church family. We continue to embrace our "Vision 2026" call to "expand our lives in faith, connect people deeply, and make a difference through service."

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association:** *West Point Trinity UMC/UCC* (West Point, NE 68788)

Third quarter contribution statements are available now! Help us save 66¢ on each envelope!

Pickle Ball nets are up in the gym and can be enjoyed by small groups.
Monday - Friday, 8am - 4:30pm

Sunday, Oct. 15th, Tree Dedication Ceremony

The congregation is invited to attend the Federated Church Memorial Tree dedication ceremony on October 15, 2023, immediately following the 10:00 worship service. We will be honoring Dr. Leon Miller DVM and Sherry Miller, Sam Scheidegger, Marian Hanner, Jim and Bobbie Uhlman. 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.

For the months of October, November and December we will be collecting New Items - Gloves, Mittens, Scarves and Hats for the Angel Tree. There is a box by the west entrance off the north parking lot.

Thank you,

Social Concerns and Missions Committee

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, October 15, 2023

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, October 16, 2023

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2

4:00pm Special Olympics Basketball/CHS Dancers

7:00pm Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

8:30am Landscaping Committee, Mueller Sprinklers

5:30pm Consonnaires, Choir Room

5:30pm Girl Scouts of America Meeting, gym

6:30pm Finance & Property Committee

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

9:30am Circle 1 Meeting - home of Sue McClure

10:00am Staff meeting, AD2

1:00pm Circle 2 Meeting, FH

4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online

6:00pm Circle 4 Meeting, FH

6:30pm Bells of Joy Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:30pm Constitution Revision Task Force, Office

6:30pm Puppet Rehearsal, Gym

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, October 19, 2023

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, October 20, 2023

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service

Saturday, October 21, 2023

No events scheduled

Sunday, October 22, 2023

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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, SW parking lot,
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

October 29 - Fall Congregational Meeting

Nov. 5 - Heritage Sunday with Potluck

Nov. 5 - Daylight Savings Time ends

Volunteers are still needed for the following:

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