



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, October 19, & Sunday, October 22, 2023
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost; Recognition of New Members

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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Laura Porter	Peg Meyer	Barb Olson	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia <i>El Buen Pastor Fellowship</i>	
Jean Royer		Lori Rine		
Andree & Terry Hoeman, <i>Co-Historians</i>				
Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i>				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

PRELUDE

How Shall I Greet Thee

ERNST PEPPING

Adagio in A Major (K576)

W. A. MOZART

James Sharpe, Organ & Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Presbyterian Outlook

One: In this sacred hour of worship when we name things for what they really are,

All: we give to God what is God's.

One: Between the demands of this last week and the demands of the one ahead

All: we give to God what is God's.

One: With open hearts and hands and minds, every innate gift from our loving Creator,

All: we give to God what is God's.

* OPENING HYMN #263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Sin tricks and traps us a hundred times a day. So we turn to God, whose business is freedom. Trusting that God will free us from our sin and deliver us to safety, let us confess our sins with courage and hope.

All: Creator God, we are commanded to give to you what is branded as yours. But since we cannot see your face, we confess to a miserable confusion. Where is your image printed? Not on our coinage or our calendars. Not on any of the things we buy in the store or in the ad-laden videos that stream by us. No, the only place we can see your face, is in our neighbor and in the mirror. We're the ones created in your image. Honestly, we'd rather pay you taxes, God, than give up our whole selves. But if we are what you want, heart, mind, soul, and strength - we'll do our best, God. We'll give our all to you.

* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! Our God, lover of justice, glories not in punishment but in redemption.

All: Christ has broken the power of sin and rescued us from our shame.

One: Be at peace: you are forgiven, and you are free.

All: To God be the glory! Alleluia! 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

King of Kings

Playback Media

HYMN #333

Seek Ye First

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bob Arp, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

First Letter to the Thessalonians 1 : 1 - 10

Pew Bible, NT, page 203

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** (adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good, acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation, and makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, was crucified, and raised from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Alison Wagner

*** HYMN #438***Blest Be the Tie that Binds (verses 1 & 2)***PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS:**

- Patricia Blocker (07/26/2022)
- Jeff & Marie Bruegger (09/26/2023)
- Joe Chin (09/26/2023)
- Michael & Taylor Irby (02/28/2023)
- Stephanie Johnson (09/26/2023)
- Tyrone & Megan McHugh (04/26/2022)

QUESTIONS TO NEW MEMBERS**QUESTION TO CONGREGATION****STATEMENT ON MEMBERSHIP****PRAYER***** WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS**

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

*** HYMN #438***Blest Be the Tie that Binds (verses 3 & 4)***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.)

Scripture praises the "work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." We give, not for the flash or the fame but in quiet, steadfast hope that every dollar might serve to build up the body of Christ in this congregation, and the beloved community in the world. Your offerings matter. Make them with confidence.

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

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* 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

Lord, we dedicate our all to you; not just the money that we no longer call ours (whether it's sitting in the plate or whizzing along digital paths), but our thoughts, our plans, our time, our dreams, our days. It's all yours, God. It always was. Help us to rejoice in that. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN GTG #543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Basse et Dessus de Trompette

LOUIS-NICOLAS CLÉRAMBAULT

Café LaFed will be hosted by Membership & Growth Committee

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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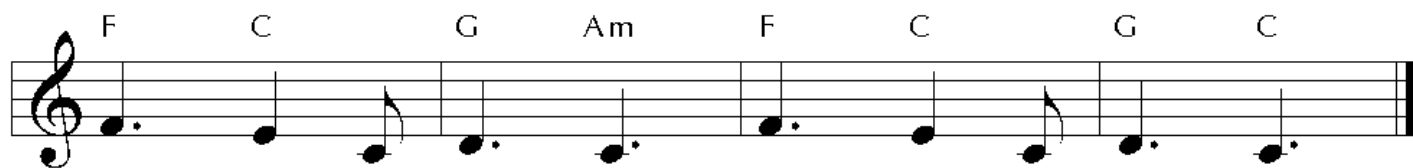
O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Prayers for Shelley Atwell, daughter of John & Katie Claus, who is battling Crohn's Disease and COVID.
- ◆ Prayers for Ben & Marilyn Vrana as their health continues to improve and Ben getting settled in a new facility.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery:** Lyons
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Lyons 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:** Wisner United Methodist UCC (Wisner, NE 68791)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 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
- November 5 - Heritage Sunday with Potluck
- November 5 - Daylight Savings Time ends
- November 16 - Cookies 'N More

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 22, 2023

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

Monday, October 23, 2023

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
- 4:00pm Special Olympics Basketball/CHS Dancers
- 7:00pm Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

- 5:30pm Consonnaires, Choir Room
- 5:30pm Girl Scouts of America Meeting, Gym
- 6:30pm Governing Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

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

Thursday, October 26, 2023

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, October 27, 2023

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service

Saturday, October 28, 2023

- 2:00pm Private Quinceanera, Sanctuary

Sunday, October 29, 2023

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

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

Volunteers are still needed for the following:

- ◆ Liturgists (all Sundays!!!)
- ◆ Education Hour (Teachers/Helpers)
- ◆ Special Music on first and fifth Sundays



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!



TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 26TH
4:30PM TO 6:30PM
SOUTHWEST PARKING LOT
FEDERATED CHURCH

TRUNKS AND CANDY NEEDED!