



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, October 26, & Sunday, October 29, 2023
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost; Fall Congregational Meeting

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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Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i>				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

PRELUDE

Andante - Trio Sonata No 4 (BWV 528)

J. S. BACH

Of the Father's Love Begotten

MARK HAYES

James Sharpe, Organ & Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

UCC Worship Ways

One: The Holy One has been our hope and our home.

All: God has been with us from generation to generation.

One: We flourish and fade, bloom and renew in God's time.

All: Our lives are temporal and precious and glorious.

One: May the compassion and favor of the Holy One be with us.

All: May we be glad and prosperous in our work for our God!

* OPENING HYMN #260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (verses 1, 2, & 4)

* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving God, forgive us for the paths we seek that steer us away from you. We confess that we have embraced animosity over understanding, self-righteousness over grace, hopelessness over empowered action. Demonstrate the power of love to us anew. Help us to be loving agents of your kingdom for your glory and the restoration of the world.

* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

* WORDS OF GRACE

One: Beloved, know that your path evolves and the Creator cuts through the wilderness to make the rough ways smooth.

All: The Holy One is Companion and Guide gently and firmly encouraging us to the path of righteous love, justice, and peace.

* 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

CHORAL ANTHEM

Come Down Lord

STAN PETHEL

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brenda Sand, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 22 : 34 - 46

Pew Bible, NT, page 25

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 - "What is the World Like?" by Adam Tice**

What is the world like when God's will is done?

**Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive;
roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.**

This is how God moves us each to believe.

What is the world like when God's will is done?

**Witness the wandering child coming home;
watch as the parent breaks into a run.**

This is how God longs for us when we roam.

What is the world like when God's will is done?

**No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
peace thrives in places where once there was none.**

This is how God works when rivalries end.

What is the world like when God's will is done?

**Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,
tending our lamps till the new day's begun.**

This is how God readies us for the light.

These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.

**Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
this is a new world where God's will is done. Amen.**

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN #386**

O for a World

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.)

Sharing of the abundance we receive is a tangible way to love our neighbor as ourselves. May we give with generous and empathetic hearts stirred to compassion and to companion to meet the needs before us.

*** 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**

Giving God, we follow your example of the ministry of presence in the sharing of our resources. Prosper the work of our hands and minds and enable us to make a difference and participate in your kingdom through generosity. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN #376**

Lord Divine, All Loves Excelling (verses 1 - 3)

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccatà in D minor (BWV 565)

J. S. BACH

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for the family of Earl Widhalm, father of Shirley Johnson. Earl passed away on October 21, 2023.
- ◆ Prayers for Shelley Atwell, daughter of John & Katie Claus, who is battling Crohn's Disease and COVID.
- ◆ Pray for Gary Puckett, who has been placed on hospice.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery:** *Nebraska City*
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Nebraska City 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:** *Yutan St. Peters UCC (Yutan, NE 68073)*

43rd Annual Columbus Women's Club

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Friday, Nov. 17th - 11:30 am - 7 pm

Saturday, Nov. 18th - 11:30 am - 4 pm

Sunday, Nov. 19th - 11:30 am - 4 pm

Located at 1C The Sanctuary south of Hy-Vee

Please use entrance east of Broken Mug

Admission: \$5.00 in advance, \$6.00 at the door

Ages 6 - 12 - \$3.00, 5 and under FREE

On behalf of **Operation Education Nairobi**, Julie Graham and Katie Claus would like to thank Thrivent for giving us a \$250 grant, Marcia Grant and Chris Warren for making soup, and the Federated congregation for your generous support of the "SOUP AND SOAP" fundraiser on Oct. 15th. It was a huge success! Because of your generosity, \$1124.00 was raised. As the cost for each student is \$500 per year, this amount will support two students going to school in Nairobi, Kenya. THANK YOU!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 29 - Fall Congregational Meeting

November 5 - Heritage Sunday Potluck

November 5 - Daylight Savings Time ends

November 16 - Cookies 'N More

November 19 - Ecumenical Service 4 p.m.

St. Johns (Shell Creek)

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, October 29, 2023

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, October 30, 2023

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2

4:00pm Special Olympics Basketball/CHS Dancers

7:00pm Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

5:30pm Consonnaires, Choir Room

5:30pm Girl Scouts of America Meeting, Gym

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

9:00am OSA Cooking, Kitchen

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, November 2, 2023

12:30pm The 70's Group, FH

6:00pm Petah La Shauro Roundtable Meeting, FH

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

7:30pm Order of the Arrow, FH

Friday, November 3, 2023

6:00pm Private Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service

Saturday, November 4, 2023

2:00pm Private Wedding, Narthex, Sanctuary

Sunday, November 5, 2023

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00am Heritage Sunday Potluck, FH

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Fall Landscaping Cleanup

It's that time of the year to clean up around the church and we need your help. Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023 (Rain date, Thurs., Nov. 9, 2023) 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. We will be cutting back scrubs, trimming bushes, cutting branches, raking leaves, and edging the South Parking Lot. What to bring? Loppers, fan rakes, hand rakes, electric hedge clippers, edgers (electric or gas) extension cords, hand clippers and energy....

Hope to see you there!

Bob & Wilma Arp and Steve & Sue McClure

FOR SALE 29 Landscape bricks. They are located on a palate outside of the west Ed Center door of the south parking lot. All we are asking is that a small donation be made to the Federated Church Landscaping Projects AND you must haul. Please contact Wilma Arp or Sue McClure if you are interested.