



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, November 2, & Sunday, November 5, 2023
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost; Heritage Sunday

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, NOVEMBER 2, & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HERITAGE SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE

Nocturne in E-Flat Major (Op 9, No 2)

FREDERICK CHOPIN

He Leadeth Me

MAUREEN HOWELL

James Sharpe, Organ & Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Timothy M. Slemmons

One: Gather, O people, for the Lord is with us.

All: God makes a sure path for us through flowing waters.

One: Gather, O people, and prepare yourselves.

All: Pride is laid low, humility is exalted.

One: Gather, O people, and place your trust in the Lord.

All: God's promise of land is a sure promise where we are free to serve.

* OPENING HYMN #339

Be Thou My Vision

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holiness is not possible without confession of sin. Confession serves not to embarrass or to burden anyone with guilt. It serves only to acknowledge God's perfect goodness and to set us free to receive the gift of holiness that is given to all who sincerely humble themselves. Let us confess our sin.

All: Almighty God, we are more like the priests, the teachers, and the Pharisees about whom Jesus warned his disciples: saying one thing and doing another; seeking honor for ourselves at the expense of others; forgetting and forsaking the stewardship of humble service. Forgive us, O God. We have sinned, and we need your help to find the right way: the way of justice, kindness, and humility.

* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Jesus said, "All who exalt themselves will be humbled." But he also said, "All who humble themselves will be exalted."

All: Sinners who admit their sins honestly are justified before those who merely adorn themselves with outward signs of holiness, those who remain inwardly proud, even of their humility.

One: Humble sinners, God has heard your confession. God lifts you up.

All: For in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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

One: We greet one another as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship by saying, 'Christ's peace be with you.'

All: And also with you.

One: You are invited to share the peace of Christ.

* SING THE FAITH # 2036

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Playback Media

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

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Alison Wagner, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 23 : 1 - 12

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

*** LITANY FOR HERITAGE SUNDAY by Pamela Stewart**

You are living stones, cut from Christ, who is our Rock and Cornerstone.

We are members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. Brought together by faith with those who testified before us, we stand on their shoulders.

In Christ, the whole building is joined together. Rising upward, you are becoming a holy temple in the Lord, a dwelling place for His Spirit.

We recognize that we have not come to God alone. We are here through the work of those who came before us. And we do not persevere alone. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, urging us onward, encouraging us to do the will of the Lord.

Remember the work of your ancestors, who faithfully taught you the commandments of God. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. And when they ask, "What do these stones mean?" tell them that they might know the hand of the Lord. For unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.

May those who follow in our footsteps be thankful for this legacy, as we thank those who came before us. May they be faithful to preserve it for all who follow them. As they stand upon the stones we set in place, may future generations say, "This our fathers and mothers did for us!"

Therefore, work together as one. Build with stones of love and faith; stones of justice and compassion; stones of hope and commitment. Stand firm on the foundation, which is your mutual faith in Christ. Keep your eyes on Him, who is both the Author and Finisher of the faith.

For we are confident in this: The One who began this good work will carry it on to completion, until the day of His return. Amen.

*** HYMN #555**

Now Thank We All Our God

RECOGNITION OF HERITAGE MEMBERS

Membership & Growth Committee

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 on-going conversations about faith. After partaking, please place cups in the pew holder.)

COMMUNION SONGS # 1 & 2 ARE DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN

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

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.)

Gratitude is the defining characteristic of the Christian life, and giving is the natural response, the instinctive impulse of those who have been saved by the grace of God. Let us gratefully give our offering.

* 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

Giver of all good gifts, we thank you that you have accompanied us through the high waters to this harvest time, and into a season of plenty. We are humbled by your immeasurable goodness to us. We offer you these gifts from the abundance you have given, even as we begin to consider new ways in which we might give, all for the sake of your glory, for the glory of your risen Son, and for the life of the Spirit. Triune God, we pray, give life to these your gifts. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN #357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

* 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.

- ◆ Chancel flowers are given by Jim & Beth Sharpe in honor of their 25th Wedding Anniversary, Nov. 8th.
- ◆ Pray for Gary Puckett, who has been placed on hospice.

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Niobrara Verdel

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Niobrara Verdel 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:** Norfolk First Congregational UCC (Norfolk, NE 68701)

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, November 5, 2023

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

Monday, November 6, 2023

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

Tuesday, November 7, 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, November 8, 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 9, 2023

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, November 10, 2023

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service

Saturday, November 11, 2023

- 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, FH

Sunday, November 12, 2023

- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15am Youth Ministry Committee
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Heritage Sunday, November 5, 2023

Honoring Our 50+ Year Members

Roberta Saalfeld	March 29, 1945	78
Robert Mead	April 14, 1949	74
Roberta Uhlmann	March 18, 1951	72
Jane Ellefson	March 29, 1953	70
Ronald Lambert	March 29, 1953	70
Gail Wurdeman	April 25, 1954	69
Margaret Trew	April 17, 1955	68
Mary Norton	March 29, 1956	67
John Lohr	March 29, 1956	67
Joan Specht	March 27, 1959	64
Patricia Blocker	April 6, 1952, July, 26, 2022	64
Kathleen Orr	April 10, 1960	63
Bill Berry	March 31, 1961	62
Catherine Hare	March 31, 1961	62
Roger Hare	March 31, 1961	62
Sherry Miller	October 1, 1961	62
Donna Engquist	June 30, 1963	60

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Kathryn Senior	November 10, 1963	60
Gary Puckett	October 4, 1964	59
Mary Sharpe	October 4, 1964	59
Chris Dixon	April 11, 1965	58
Lauretta Dixon	April 11, 1965	58
Deanna Scheidegger	April 11, 1965	58
Georgia Behlen	October 1, 1967	56
Charlotte Lambert	January 7, 1968	55
William Irby	October 19, 1969	54
Ervin Paben	February 1, 1969	54
Karen Paben	February 1, 1969	54
Louise Moran	May 25, 1969	54
Brenda Berry	May 17, 1970	53
Cindy Hoadley	May 16, 1971	52
Mark Hegi	June 11, 1972	51