



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, May 9, & Sunday, May 12, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B); Mother's Day

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	
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Sharon Kuncel	Barb Olson	Steve McClure		
Laura Porter	Lori Rine	Jesse Abrego		
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Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i>				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, MAY 9, & SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

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

PRELUDE

In the Garden

ARR. GINA SPRUNGER

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

ARR. HAYES

Amanda Weeder, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO

“It’s More (Mother’s Day)” by Hyper Pixels Media

* **CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 1)**

Presbyterian Outlook

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked

All: We delight in God’s Word, we meditate on God day and night.

One: Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water

All: God helps us yield good fruit. We do not wither when we spend time in God’s presence.

One: Let us worship God!

* **OPENING HYMN #341**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: As this Easter season comes to a close, we turn again to God to confess our sins, the sins of our community and our society, to prepare ourselves to live into the redemption Christ offers.

All: Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season, only to forget and neglect you once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities. Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides.

* **MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews.

All: Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings.

One: We are a new creation, ready to sing God’s glory and testify to God’s grace.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you, a peace the world cannot give.” The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

* **SING THE FAITH #2108**

O How He Loves You and Me (verse 1)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

APPRECIATION OF CHANCEL CHOIR

Chancel Choir Members: Bob Arp, Wilma Arp, Dana Augspurger, Bev Fry, Reagan Gausman, Riley Gausman, Stuart Gausman, Marcia Grant, Cola Hahn, Steve Heinisch, Kathy Leischner, Ruth Lind, Sue McClure, Wayne McCormick, Dave Melick, John Novotny, Nila Novotny, Val Rathje, Alison Wagner, Amanda Weeder, Meg Weeder, Doug Williams

CHORAL ANTHEM

A Mother’s Love

BOYD BACON

Chancel Choir, Stuart Gausman, Directing; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist

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

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts of the Apostles 1 : 15 - 17, 21 - 26

Pew Bible, NT, pages 118 - 119

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - from the "Brief Statement of Faith"**

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

All: In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

One: But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

All: Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

One: We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

All: In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

One: Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

All: Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN #324**

Open My Eyes That I May See

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

*** 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**

O God, maker and provider, you have blessed us with many gifts. Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world through your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN #280**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (verses 1, 2 & 5)

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth
Café LaFed hosted by Barb Olson and Jeannie Johnson

ARR. RICE

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for Laura Porter as she receives chemotherapy treatment for cancer.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Ed Yonker, 92, father of Steve & Marcia Dewald, passed away on April 26, 2024 in Windom, Minnesota. Jan Yonker, 90, Ed's wife passed away on October 6, 2023 also in Windom, Minnesota.
- ◆ The family of Frank Thompson invites you to remember and celebrate Frank's life on Saturday, June 1st, 2024, 3:00-5:30 (Central time) at the NPPD cabin at Lake Maloney (206 District Drive, North Platte, NE). Come and go as you please; light refreshments will be provided. Frank passed away on Feb. 5, 2024.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Fairbury**
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Fairbury 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: Albion Congregational UCC** (Albion, NE 68620)

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, May 12, 2024

- 8:45am SALT (Adult Education), FH
- 9:00am Education Hour, various rooms
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, May 13, 2024

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, Conf. room
- 5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee
- 7:00pm MGP, Conference room
- 7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

- 8:00am Election Day, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room
- 6:30pm GC Agenda Meeting, Conference rm
- 7:00pm Personnel Committee, Conference room

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

- 9:00am Circle 1 Meeting, FH
- 10:00am Staff meeting, office
- 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

Thursday, May 16, 2024

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, May 17, 2024

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, May 18, 2024

No events scheduled

Sunday, May 19, 2024

- 8:45am SALT (Adult Education), FH
- 9:00am Education Hour, various rooms
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Inclement Weather Announcement
In the event of dangerous weather during a church service or event, you will be instructed where to go for shelter at that time.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 13 - You can drop off items for the June Garage Sale (No TVs, computers or used car seats)
- May 19 - Pentecost; Graduation Sunday
- May 26 - Trinity Sunday, No Education Hour until fall
- May 27 - Memorial Day, office closed
- May 30 & June 2 - Wholeness & Healing service
- June 3-7 - Vacation Bible Camp, FUMC
- June 29 - Annual Garage/Bake Sale

Chancel Flowers are given by Gail Wurdeman, in Loving memory of her parents, Irene & Harold Wurdeman. Happy Mother's Day Mom and Happy Birthday Dad!

Rescue Mission Meals

Federated Church delivers meals to the Rescue Mission the second Friday of each month. The new Rescue Mission is located in the old Mory's Haven, on 15th Street and 12th Avenue. There are no steps there. Meals should consist of a main dish, a salad or vegetable and bread or rolls. Dessert is not necessary but always appreciated. Suggestions include tacos, soup, sloppy joes, casseroles, spaghetti, lasagna, pizza, burritos, enchiladas, or whatever you'd like to take. Because you need to plan for 25 people, it is a good idea to pair up with someone. The meal should be there by 5:00 p.m. There are several openings for this year. Please be a part of this important ministry and sign up in the Narthex!
Social Concerns and Missions Committee