



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, May 16, & Sunday, May 19, 2024  
Pentecost (Year B); Graduation 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](http://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, MAY 16, & SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

DAY OF PENTECOST (YEAR B)

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

PRELUDE	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	ARR. THYGERSON
	<i>Every Time I Feel the Spirit</i>	ARR. HAYES
	<i>Processional for a Joyful Day</i>	WOOD
	Lee Augustin, Piano & Organ	
PROCESSIONAL	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i>	ELGAR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

PC (USA) Pentecost Special Offerings

(The liturgist will read the words designated “One” and the congregation will respond, not in word, but in action, as noted in the italicized words.)

One: On the day of Pentecost, the church was gathered together in one place. Could it have looked something like this?

*Turn and look around you; notice the people who sit near you today.*

One: On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God blew through the church like a howling wind. Could it have sounded something like this?

*Respond by making wind noises with your mouth and by rubbing your hands back and forth.*

One: On the day of Pentecost, differences were minimized as people came together seeing and hearing one another. Could it have felt something like this?

*Respond by holding hands with someone close to you.*

One: On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God fell down like rain on everyone gathered there that day. And sons and daughters prophesied.

*If you are someone’s child, no matter your age, place one hand on your heart.*

One: And young people saw visions, and old people dreamed dreams.

*If you consider yourself wise in years, place a second hand on your heart.*

One: Thanks be to God for bringing us together in this place for worship.

**All: May we, like those before us, worship God with our whole hearts. Amen.**

### \* OPENING HYMN #326

***Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart***

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: People of God, although we would like for our story to sound like Pentecost - a story where everyone from every nation is heard, the Spirit is visible, and people are united - we know that our story sounds very different, painfully different. Thus, we come to the portion in the service where we confess our sins, where we practice truth-telling, acknowledging that we desperately need God’s Spirit in our lives. Let us confess our sins together, to the God of the early church and the God of the here and now. Let us pray:

One: Mighty God, you showed up in dazzling light and in a still, small voice.

**All: You showed up as a tiny baby lying in a manger. You showed up on a long dusty walk to Emmaus.**

One: You keep showing up in the most mysterious ways, so we should have known you might show up like a powerful wind, bringing with you the reminder of warmth, and the ability for us to hear one another.

**All: We should have known, and yet we didn’t. We don’t. We doubt.**

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

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One: Like the disciples on the way to Emmaus, we can't see you. Like the weary people of Bethlehem, we don't make room for you.

**All: And like members of the early church community, we look for excuses to explain your presence away.**

One: Loving God, forgive our weak hearts, because from the beginning you have been here, revealing yourself to us.

**All: And from the beginning, we have struggled to see that.**

One: Despite our bad track record, we come to you today, asking that once more you might give us a second chance; we ask that once more you might pour your Spirit out on us.

**All: For we are in desperate need of you and the mysterious ways you keep showing up. Amen.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: People of God, hear this good news: Despite our failings, God is here, and God has poured out God's spirit on all flesh.

**All: We are united, we are made clean, and we are free to dream new dreams for this broken world. Thanks be to God!**

**\* 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/MOMENT

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

EDUCATION HOUR TEACHERS' APPRECIATION

Brenda Sand

Children Teachers: Megan McHugh, Nicole Miller, Ashli Porter

Confirmation: Brenda Sand & Edward Yang

High School: Lisa Perrin & Max Porter

Adult Education: Katie Claus & Mark Weeder

Subs: Julie Graham, Kristi Wolfe

Nursery: Sunnie Yang

Children's Bells: Stuart Gausman

Puppet Ministry: Katie Claus, Julie Graham

BELL CHOIR APPRECIATION

Bell Choir Members: Doris Augspurger, Kristen Gausman, Reagan Gausman, Riley Gausman, Marcia Grant, Sue Mares, Nila Novotny, Marilyn Petersen, Ashli Porter, Hailey Rathje, Jenny Young.

BELLS OF JOY

*Then Sings My Soul*  
Bell Choir, Stuart Gausman, Director

ANNA LAURA PAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nicole Miller, Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts of the Apostles 2 : 1 - 21

Pew Bible, NT, page 119

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Edward Yang

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**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "On Pentecost They Gathered" by Jane Parker Huber**

One: On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day, a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.

**All: A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air, and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.**

One: The people all around them were startled and amazed to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.

**All: What universal message, what great good news was here? That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.**

One: God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe, on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.

**All: That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power. The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.**

One: O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago, rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.

**All: O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise, so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise. Amen.**

**\* RESPONSIVE HYMN #319 Spirit (verses 1, 3 & 4)**

GRADUATE RECOGNITION: CLASS OF 2024

**\* LITANY FOR GRADUATES**

Announcement of Graduates: Tessa Klevemann, Alex Garcia Lopez, Ryland Prokopec, Gunnar Wolfe

**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**

God, you have given us absolutely everything we have. You gave us sunsets and speckled eggs, tiny newborn hands and silver moons, so that we could know what beauty looks like. You gave us major keys and harmonies, forgiveness and poetry, so that we could know what love sounds like. You gave us hands to build, fire to warm, water to clean and food to fill, so that we could know what peace feels like. And you gave us hearts to give, minds to hope, hands to serve and mouths to pray, so that we know what your Kingdom loves like. So today we pray that you might be able to use these humble gifts to bring your kingdom here, so that more may know what beauty looks like, what love sounds like and what peace feels like, saying all the while, "thank you, thank you, thank you." For you have given us everything we have. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

**\* CLOSING HYMN #315**

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

**\* BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Pomp and Circumstance*

ELGAR

Café LaFed hosted by Youth Ministry

## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for Rosie Heinisch and her family. Rosie is on hospice.
- ◆ Please pray for Jeremy Allen, cousin to Brianna Brockhaus. Jeremy is suffering from a brain tumor.
- ◆ Pray for Laura Porter as she receives chemotherapy treatment for cancer.
- ◆ 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: Falls City

First Presbyterian Church of Falls City is excited to have the basement remodeling nearly finished. The basement entrance now has a chairlift and enclosed stairwell. A restroom was also remodeled to make the basement fully handicapped accessible. Only the bathroom painting is left to complete the project. We ask for prayers that visitors and members will enjoy using the new facilities. The basement also houses the Community Diaper Closet. We pray the families are blessed by the baby and toddler items they get each week, and by the friendliness of our volunteers. Our congregation is quite small, but we enjoy helping our community where we can. Please pray our congregation continues to grow in spirit and in size!

### ◆ UCC Living Waters Association: Arlington Community UCC (Arlington, NE 68002)

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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

Thank you goes out to all the folks that assisted in cleaning the Ed Center to prepare for the return of the children to their bright and new areas: Katie Claus, Betty Garcia, Julie Graham, Anita Hahn, Kathy Leischner, Dave Melick, Barb Olson, Brenda Sand, Sunnie Yang, Mark Baumann and of course the dynamic duo – Tim Warren & Marv Zoucha. Many hands make light work. Your efforts are a blessing from above, Wilma Arp

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, May 19, 2024

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

### Monday, May 20, 2024

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, Conference room
- 7:00pm Circle 4, Library room
- 7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

### Tuesday, May 21, 2024

- 5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room
- 6:30pm Finance & Property Committee, EC8

### Wednesday, May 22, 2024

- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online

### Thursday, May 23, 2024

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, May 24, 2024

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

### Saturday, May 25, 2024

No events scheduled

### Sunday, May 26, 2024

- 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.**

**THESE DAYS - Daily Devotions for Living by Faith**  
(April, May, June 2024) books  
are available in the Narthex and the office.

## Congratulations Graduates!

- ◆ Congratulations to Melinda Marie Pickrel, granddaughter to Jan Pickrel, who graduated from Fullerton High School.
- ◆ Congratulations to Ella Anne Platek, granddaughter of Bob & Wilma Arp, graduated from Vanderbilt University on May 10, 2024.
- ◆ Congratulations to Allie Gotschall, daughter of Jeff & Tammi Gotschall. Allie graduated on May 18th with a Bachelor's degree in Nutrition Exercise Science and a Minor in Leadership & Communications. Allie will attend UNMC in the fall of 2024 in the Physician Assistant Program.



**PENTECOST**  
**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**  
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MATTHEW 25

APRIL 1-MAY 19, 2024

**40%**

STAYS WITH YOUR CONGREGATION to support ministries with children, youth, and young adults.

**25%**

SUPPORTS YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS (YAV), serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.

**25%**

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**10%**

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