



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, June 13, & Sunday, June 16, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Year B); Father'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.

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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, & SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (YEAR B); FATHER'S DAY

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

PRELUDE

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

ARR. HAYES

Faith of Our Fathers

ARR. SPRUNGER

Amanda Weeder, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO

"For the Fathers" by Hyper Pixels Media

* **LITANY FOR FATHER'S DAY**

Rev. Robb McCoy

One: For fathers everywhere, who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love.

All: Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers.

One: For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them

All: Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers that mourn.

One: For men who may or may not have children of their own, but act like a father to someone in need of advice, support, nurturing, and love.

All: Holy God, hear this prayer for our father figures.

One: For step-fathers who have assumed that role with love and joy, who have loved the children of another as their own, and created a new family.

All: Holy God, hear this prayer for step-fathers.

One: For adoptive fathers, who have heard the call of God to lovingly step forward for those that need their care.

All: Holy God, hear this prayer for adoptive fathers.

One: For fathers who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to the needs of their children, and have not sustained their families.

All: Holy God, have mercy on absentee fathers.

One: For fathers who struggle with temptation, violence, or addiction. For those who do harm, and for those whom they have harmed.

All: Holy God, have mercy on fathers that struggle.

One: For new fathers, full of hope. For long-time fathers, full of wisdom. For the fathers yet to be, and fathers soon to be.

All: Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of your Church.

One: For those that have shaped our lives without claim of family or kinship. For those who have taught us, guided us, shaped us and molded us into servants of Christ our Lord.

All: Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of our faith.

One: God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

All: Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **OPENING HYMN #293**

This Is My Father's World

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Feasting on the Word

One: When we gather to worship God, we remember that we are God's people, but we have often preferred our way instead of God's. Trusting God's power to make us new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

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

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All: Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us. Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work. Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes - fostering divisions when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation; beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs; building walls to keep people out when your branches offer generous nests. Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray, so that we might reach our fullest height of faith.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: the old life has gone, a new life has begun.

All: Praise be to God for the mercy and grace that forgives our sins. Alleluia. Amen!

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: May we be people of wholeness and peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share God's peace with one another.

*** SING THE FAITH #2068**

I Love You, Lord

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC

Meditation from Sonatina in F

FORREST L. BUCHTEL

Stuart Gausman, Saxophone; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sue McClure, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Mark 4 : 26 - 34

Pew Bible, NT, pages 38 - 39

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

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

One: What is the world like when God's will is done? Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:

All: roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun. This is how God moves us each to believe.

One: What is the world like when God's will is done? Witness the wandering child coming home;

All: watch as the parent breaks into a run. This is how God longs for us when we roam.

One: What is the world like when God's will is done? No more is neighbor just ally or friend;

All: peace thrives in places where once there was none. This is how God works when rivalries end.

One: What is the world like when God's will is done? Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,

All: tending our lamps till the new day's begun. This is how God readies us for the light.

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

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

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN #553**

For the Fruit of All Creation

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

God has provided us with all that we need. It is our privilege to give back to God. Let us return a portion of what God has so freely given to 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

Bless, O God, the gifts that we bring this day, that they may be a sign of our commitment to your kingdom and a pledge of our love for you and your world. Multiply the work done by our time, treasures, and talents, that your presence and compassion may be known in all the earth. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN #142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (verses 1 & 3)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Lord's My Shepherd

ARR. SHACKLEY

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for Bill Royer as he recovers from heart surgery.
- ◆ Congratulations on the birth of Ettie Ann, born May 29th. She is the daughter of Jared & Megan Kallweit, granddaughter of Kevin & Denise Kallweit, and great-granddaughter of Brenda Kallweit.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Hebron**

First Presbyterian Church in Hebron is most thankful for our Pastors and Lay Preachers who are willing to fill the pulpit on a regular basis. We have John Duling, Mike Lagueau and Jim Fitzgibbon regularly. They are wonderful!!! We have only 15 members, but they are all dedicated to the Church and attend Worship regularly. We are also very thankful for Dave Cording, who serves as Church treasurer and plays the organ every Sunday.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Columbus St. Luke's UCC** (Columbus, NE 68601)

This year's garage sale is June 29th, and that is quickly approaching! Bring your donations any time between 8 and 4:30 (office hours), Monday through Friday! The Education Center door by the South/Office parking lot will be open at 8! Leave your items in the hall so our volunteers can sort them as they come in. Please remember that some items will cost the church to get rid of them if they don't sell, so we are not accepting the following items: TVs, computers or parts, mattresses/box springs, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators/freezers, baby car seats, firearms/ammo.

Bake Sale items can be brought to the church June 28th.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, June 16, 2024, Father's Day

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

Monday, June 17, 2024

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
- 7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

- 6:30pm Finance & Property Committee

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

- 9:30am Circle 1 Meeting, FH
- 10:00am Staff Meeting
- 1:00pm Circle 2 Meeting, FH
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
- 6:00pm Circle 4 Meeting, FH

Thursday, June 20, 2024

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, June 21, 2024

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, June 22, 2024

No events scheduled

Sunday, June 23, 2024

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June 29 - Annual Garage/Bake Sale
- July 4 - Church office closed
- July 14 - 20 Youth Mission Trip
- July 15 - 19 Missoula Children's Theatre