



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, July 4, & Sunday, July 7, 2024  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Year B)**

***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, JULY 4, & SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024  
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (YEAR B)

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

PRELUDE

*This is My Father's World*  
*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*  
Amanda Weeder, Piano

ARR. SPRINGER

ARR. LOPEZ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Presbyterians for Disability Concerns

One: In the image of God

**All: God makes us**

One: With the sound of God's voice

**All: God calls us**

One: With the touch of God's hand

**All: God forms us**

One: From different nations and cultures

**All: God gathers us**

One: Of all abilities and genders

**All: God creates us**

One: Children of God

**All: God makes us. God blesses us. God loves us.**

One: Let us worship God

**\* OPENING HYMN #341**

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

**\* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, too often, we forget that you formed us as your children - beautiful and complete. Unified through our diversity - each with gifts to share, yet each in need of support. Loving God, forgive us. Let us see your face in each person that we see, hear your voice in all of creation, and feel your touch in every embrace. Help us to see your face in our own, and hear your voice in our song. Amen.

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Be at peace and know that God loves you – in your strengths, but also in your vulnerability-

**All: that God's grace is for us, that adversity is an opportunity to grow, and that our gifts are to be shared in abundance. Amen.**

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: God makes peace within us.

**All: Let us claim it.**

One: God makes peace among us.

**All: Let us share it.**

One: Let us greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

**All: Peace of Christ!**

**\* SING THE FAITH #2164**

*Sanctuary (sung twice)*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Alto Sax Duet*

LONDON McCULLOUGH

Stuart Gausman, Soprano Saxophone; Riley Gausman, Trumpet

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

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**SCRIPTURE READING**

2 Samuel 9 : 1 - 13

Pew Bible, OT, page 275

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- "Help Us Accept Each Other" by Fred Kaan**

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.

**Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.**

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.

**Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.**

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
in living situations to do the truth in love;

**to practice your acceptance until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.**

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,

**we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:  
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one! Amen.**

**\* RESPONSIVE HYMN #386**

*O for a World (verses 1, 3 & 5)*

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**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 ongoing conversations about faith. After partaking, please place cups in the pew holder.)

**UNISON 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

\* **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 of mercy and love, God of grace and belonging, we ask that you bless our gifts - of time, and talent and treasure. Please make them mustard seeds... so that our love might be multiplied and of service to a world in need. Amen.

\* **CLOSING HYMN #439** *In Christ There Is No East or West*

\* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff*

ARR. MENDOZA

### JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Pray for the family of Flo Ann Sandahl, Nell Burnham's sister. Flo passed away June 13th in Longmont, Colorado. She was 96 and was an educator in the Longmont public schools for many years prior to her recent stay in the Longmont nursing home.

◆ Pray for the family of Calvin Wagner. Calvin passed away on June 22nd. Celebration of Life was July 1st, at Federated Church.

#### ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Lincoln First**

We are in the process of reviewing our goals and priorities, and would welcome prayers as we continue to fine-tune our understanding of God's call to us at this time. We give thanks for the vision of our leaders that has opened doors to creative ways of serving our community and building new partnerships, and we look forward to seeing the fruit of that creativity.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Fremont First Congregational UCC** (Fremont, NE 68025)

### THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

#### Sunday, July 7, 2024

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Mission Prep Meeting

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

#### Monday, July 8, 2024

6:30pm Membership & Growth Committee

7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

#### Tuesday, July 9, 2024

*No events scheduled*

#### Wednesday, July 10, 2024

10:00am Staff Meeting

#### Thursday, July 11, 2024

12:30pm The Basket Cases Craft Group

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary, Hymn Sing

#### Friday, July 12, 2024

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

#### Saturday, July 13, 2024

8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast

#### Sunday, July 14, 2024

6:00am Youth Mission Trip begins

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary, Hymn Sing

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### GARAGE SALE

Thank you to all the wonderful people who worked the garage sale and made this event happen. At this time we have over \$9,000. in profit (more to come!) When everything is finalized we will have an update in the bulletin and newsletter.

**THANK YOU AGAIN EVERYONE!**

**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:

July 13 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

July 11 & 14 - Hymn Sing

July 14 - 20 Youth Mission Trip

July 15 - 19 Missoula Children's Theatre

Social Concerns and Missions Committee is collecting leashes, pine sol and bleach for Paws and Claws for the months of July, August & September 2024. Please place your donations in the North entrance lobby.

Library room will be open as nursery during the summer months. Please feel free to use this space for caring for your children as needed. Thank you.