



# FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, July 11, & Sunday, July 14, 2024

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Year B); Hymn Sing**

**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 11, & SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (YEAR B); HYMN SING

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

PRELUDE

*On Higher Ground*

ARR. LABENSKE

*Andante in G Minor*

KARG-ELERT

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

ARR. INNES

Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: I wait for the Lord,

**All: my soul waits, and in God's word I hope.**

One: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,

**All: In faith, let us turn to our God, whose love is sure.**

**\* HYMN SING**

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ONE: Because of such great mercy, God is ready to forgive all the ways we fail to live in faithfulness. Relying on that mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**All: Trusting you does not always come easy when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world. We do not believe that love conquers fear. We are convinced that power comes through weakness. We cannot conceive how you could heal us. Forgive our lack of faith, O God, and renew our trust in you, for we would be disciples of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: The Scriptures are given to correct our ways, to train us in righteousness, and to equip us for every good work. In the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who is the only judge of the living and the dead, we give thanks for the gift of forgiveness. By the grace of Christ, we will be persistent in the life of faith to which we are called.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\* 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!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*What Does God Want Me To Be?*

DOUGLAS TALKS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marv Zoucha, Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Gospel According to Exodus 3 : 1– 15

Pew Bible, OT, page 50

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Tim Warren

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

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**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

One: I believe in a God of abundance -

**All: a God who sees possibilities where I cannot,  
and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope.**

One: I believe in a God who comforts -

**All: a God who says, "Do not be afraid;" a God who joins me in life's deep waters.**

One: I believe in a God who invites -

**All: a God who says, "Follow me," and, "You will be fishers of people."**

One: I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently -

**All: a God of second chances and boundless mercy; a God who calls us by name.  
We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**\* RESPONSIVE HYMN #383**

*My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

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

All that we are points back to our creator; All that we have is gift and trust. God will finish what God has begun; we have the privilege of taking part.

With grateful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to the God from whom they came.

**\* 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 all that is, all we have, all we are – we give. We give these gifts as we reach across the thresholds of our concerns. We give these gifts, knowing that they will give so much more, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN #369**

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

**\* BENEDICTION**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

POSTLUDE

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

ARR. RITTER

**Going, Going, Gone**

The Federated Church has one Hamilton Upright Piano, with a bench that will be going to the highest bidder. There are also 23 landscaping bricks up for sale. These items are currently located in the Narthex of the church for your viewing. It is the responsibility of the winning bidders to remove your items. The winning bidders will be contacted on July 22, 2014. All proceeds will be added to the Garage Sale total. **Bidding closes July 21, 2024.** Contact office staff to cast your bid 402-564-2812 or fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org.

## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for the family of Ronald “Ron” Jindra, brother of Betty Hledik, who passed away July 2nd. A funeral was held on July 6th at St. Anthony’s.
- ◆ Pray for the Youth Summer Mission Team as they travel to and from Milwaukee, working with Youth Works. The team includes Rev. Edward Yang, Brenda Sand, Brinlee Klevemann, Tessa Miller, Meg Weeder, and Eliot Yang.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Lincoln Fourth**  
Continued prayers for all at Fourth as we continue to discern and embrace God’s will for our congregation as we acknowledge 117 years of ministry in the University Place Neighborhood. We were successful in receiving an accessibility grant through the Presbyterian Foundation in the fall, to allow us to continue to enhance our Worship and Evangelism efforts through outreach and partnership. We have already installed floorings and some ramps and will finish work this summer on a final external ramp and community prayer garden. We are excited to continue our partnership with A Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln as we celebrate the installation of a Fit-Park for the Elderly in UPCO Park, that was opened in mid-June by the Lincoln Mayor. We are humbled to continue to serve over a 1000 people through community use of our building this year to date including partnerships with The ARC of Lincoln and Pinewood Bowl. We are thankful for Presbytery prayers as we discern how God calls us to be good stewards of our resources and are excited for the year ahead!

- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Hartington First Congregational UCC** (Hartington, NE 68739)

### **Columbus Days—August 9, 10, 11**

Float Assistance Fri. 8:30am – Volunteers are needed to help with assembling the float  
Parades Friday and Sunday – People are needed to ride on and walk with the float  
Diaper Changing Station – Fri. thru Sun.  
– Need volunteers to man the tent

### **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.**

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### **Sunday, July 14, 2024**

6:00am Youth Mission Trip, July 14-20  
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### **Monday, July 15, 2024**

9:00am Missoula Children’s Theatre, gym  
7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH  
7:00pm Circle 4 Meeting, Library

### **Tuesday, July 16, 2024**

9:00am Missoula Children’s Theatre, gym

### **Wednesday, July 17, 2024**

9:00am Missoula Children’s Theatre, gym  
9:30am Circle 1 Meeting, FH  
1:00pm Circle 2 Meeting, FH

### **Thursday, July 18, 2024**

9:00am Missoula Children’s Theatre, gym  
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

### **Friday, July 19, 2024**

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

### **Saturday, July 20, 2024**

Youth Mission Trip Team Returns

### **Sunday, July 21, 2024**

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary  
3:30pm Presbytery Committee Meeting  
(Companion), Conference room

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

July 13 - Men’s Fellowship Breakfast  
July 14 - 20 Youth Mission Trip to Milwaukee  
July 15 - 19 Missoula Children’s Theatre

### **THESE DAYS Daily Devotions for Living by Faith**

Booklets - July, August and September  
Are available in the church office and the Sanctuary

Columbus Days 50th Anniversary  
Christian Prayer Breakfast, Thursday, August 8th  
Lutheran Family Life Center  
1470 23rd Ave., Columbus, NE  
6:30am Breakfast, 7am Program  
Tickets (\$20) available at the Columbus Chamber  
Office, 753 33rd Ave, Columbus, NE  
402-564-2769