



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, August 8, & Sunday, August 11, 2024

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Year B); Backpack Blessing, 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 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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Peg Meyer	Kathy Leischner	Tammi Gotschall		
Sharon Kuncil	Barb Olson	Steve McClure		
Laura Porter	Lori Rine	Jesse Abrego		
Andree & Terry Hoeman, Co-Historians				
Bill Royer, Head Usher				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, & SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (YEAR B); BACKPACK BLESSING, HYMN SING

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

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Minor
Just A Closer Walk with Thee
Great Is the Lord
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Feasting on the Word

One: I will bless the Lord at all times;

All: praise shall continually be in my mouth.

One: O magnify the Lord with me,

All: and let us exalt God's name together.

*** HYMN SING**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, confessing our sins before God and one another.

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in evil gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Let us put away bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us.

All: Thanks be to God.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Christ's love has no limits. It is given to all so we can be united as one in the body of Christ. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

*** SING THE FAITH #2215**

Cares Chorus

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Blessing
PLAYBACK MEDIA

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Alison Wagner, Liturgist

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

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SCRIPTURE READING

Letter to the Ephesians 4 : 25 - 5 : 2

Pew Bible, NT, page 194

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 #372

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (verses 1 & 2)

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

(Offering of financial contribution can be placed in basket/box by entrance or made via online)

* 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

Receive these gifts, O God. May our lives be a fragrant offering that is pleasing to you, in union with Christ's offering for us. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN STF #2223

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (verses 1 & 3)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Benediction

LEFEBURE-WELY

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for Sherry Harrington, mother of Renee & Terry Norris, as she recovers from a stroke.
- ◆ Pray for Charlotte Griffith as she recovers from COVID and a fall causing broken wrist. Cards can be sent to her daughter's address: 23 Naomi Street, Bristol, RI 02809
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Lincoln Southern Heights** Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Lincoln Southern Heights 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: Omaha Countryside Community Church UCC** (Omaha, NE 68114)

Platte County Food Pantry needs volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2pm to 4pm. If you need more information you can call 402-563-4544. They are located at 3020 18th Street, #13.

In honor of **Veteran's Day**, November 11th, we will be honoring all of our congregants who served in the Military. If you have served in any branch of the military for any amount of time, please stop in the Narthex (table on the west side) and provide your name and branch of service on the form. Please complete by October 15th to be recognized in service on Sunday, November 10th. Thank you for your service to our country.

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.

National Human Trafficking Hotline:
1-888-373-7888 or text INFO to 233733
Center for Survivors - Columbus NE 1-402-564-2155
Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Hotline
call or text 988 (only 3 digits)

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, August 11, 2024

- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary, Backpack Blessing, Hymn Sing
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, August 12, 2024

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
- 4:00pm Diamond Dancers, gym
- 5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee
- 6:00pm MPG meeting, conference room
- 7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

- 7:15pm Worship & Music Committee

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

- 10:00am Staff Meeting
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online

Thursday, August 15, 2024

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, August 16, 2024

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, August 17, 2024

- 10:00am Homestead Presbytery Stated meeting, Calvin Crest

Sunday, August 18, 2024

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

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.

We are still collecting pill bottles ---please take off labels (Goo Gone or Dawn Dishwashing soap work well.) Containers should be rinsed out, also. Put in the tote in the coat rack area. Thank you for your donations to this worthy project.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- August 11: Columbus Days: The Big 5--o!
- August 11: Diaper Changing & Nursing Station
- August 11: Backpack blessing, Hymn Sing
- August 11, 2:00pm: Parade
- August 24: Governing Council Retreat
- August 25: Committee Fair (after service)
- September 8: Education Hour Kickoff, Christian Ed Remodel Open House
- September 29: Fifth Sunday Pot Luck