



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, August 15, & Sunday, August 18, 2024
Thirteenth 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 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 15, & SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (YEAR B)

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

PRELUDE

I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked

ARR. DECOU

Sing With The Spirit

BAYLOR

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

ARR. HELD

Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Nominating Committee, Alison Wagner

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

UCC Worship Ways

One: Praise the Holy One! Give thanks to God in the congregation.

All: God's works delight us, inspire us, challenge us, and uphold us.

One: Praise the Holy One! Give thanks to God in the congregation.

All: Righteousness endures forever. The covenant is everlasting.

One: Praise the Holy One! Give thanks to God in the congregation.

All: Honoring God leads to wisdom. Let us praise the Holy One forever!

*** OPENING HYMN # 339**

Be Thou My Vision

*** INVOCATION**

Holy God, we come together in your presence to offer worship, thanksgiving, and praise. We remember your covenant and acknowledge your abiding presence. Envelop us in your glory, strengthen us to confront the weariness of the world, challenge us to spread the good news, and empower us to be the church you have created us to be. Amen.

*** PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

Holy God, we find wisdom in your word, in your presence, and in your way. Help us to follow the path of love, community, and sharing. Open our awareness to the unmet needs in our community and the ways we may meet them. Open our compassion to notice those who too often go without being acknowledged. Open our schedules to be present to your Spirit, our neighbors, and ourselves. Fill us with wisdom, peace, and hope to move boldly toward new life and the fullness of joy.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

WORDS OF GRACE

One: Beloved, God honors our request for wisdom. Individually and, most importantly, collectively, we have the wisdom, discernment, and understanding necessary to meet the challenges of the day, to live a life pleasing to the Holy One, and to participate in the coming of God's kingdom.

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

Holy Spirit (Playback Media)

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

One License #711910-A

CCLI License #1160936 & 20180420

SCRIPTURE READING

Letter to the Ephesians 5 : 15 - 20

Pew Bible, NT, pages 194 - 195

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - United Church of Christ Statement of Faith (doxological)**

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN**

I Love To Tell The Story (see insert for words and music)

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**

Generous and Wise God, you give freely and we receive freely. Sow in us discernment, understanding, and wisdom to be good stewards of the bounty we receive and the resources we have earned. Let us treat them all as gifts to be shared so that none will be in want or need to live full and abundant lives. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN STF #2223**

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (verses 1 & 4)

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ARR. SASSMANNSHAUSEN

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Pray for Rod Wachter, as he recovers from bypass surgery.

◆ 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.

◆ Pray for Sherry Harrington, mother of Renee & Terry Norris, as she recovers from a stroke.

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Lincoln Westminster**
Westminster invites prayers of joy and thanksgiving for a wonderful start of 2024 – from a Lenten focus using themes from A Sanctified Art to our first Habitat Sunday with Habitat for Humanity – Lincoln to welcoming a great Confirmation class into membership, we give thanks. Our Summer has started with a vibrant Vacation Bible School partnering with our friends from Good Shepherd PC, a meaningful youth mission / fellowship trip to KC and Branson, and a focus on The Nature of Grace in our worship. We share prayers of healing for those in our church and community who have faced surgeries, injuries, and illnesses. We pray for hope for those who have suffered personal loss, honoring our members who have died in the past year. We also pray for our neighbors who are navigating the challenges of tornado recovery, who do not have homes, or who have been told they are not loved by God through toxic church environments. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Omaha First Central Congregational UCC** (Omaha, NE 68131)

TeamMates Mentoring of Columbus

The TeamMates Mentoring Program is looking for additional mentors. Find out how investing a little time (just one class or lunch period each week) can make a tremendous difference to a child in our community. The one-to-one mentoring takes place at the school and can include a variety of activities such as crafts, shooting hoops, playing games, or just visiting. TeamMates is looking for additional mentors to impact the youth in our community for the upcoming school year. To learn more about the rewards of mentoring, call 402-564-8326 or visit www.teammates.org. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, August 18, 2024

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, August 19, 2024

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2

5:30pm Finance & Property Committee, EC8

7:00pm Circle 4 Meeting, EC4

7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

8:00am Carpet cleaning

7:00pm Personnel Committee, AD2

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

8:00am Carpet cleaning

9:30am Circle 1 Meeting, FH

12:30pm All Staff Meeting

1:00pm Circle 2 Meeting, FH

Thursday, August 22, 2024

8:00am Carpet cleaning

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, August 23, 2024

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, August 24, 2024

9:00am G.C. retreat - Benedictine Center

Sunday, August 25, 2024

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

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.

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.

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)

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry
 to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

All are welcome!

EDUCATION HOUR
Kickoff Event

SUNDAY
September 8th

Special Guest
HORN T ZOO



8:45 am
S.A.L.T - Adult Ed
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9:00 am
Children & Youth Ed
Horn T Zoo
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10:00 am
Worship
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11:00 am
Potluck & Ice Cream Social

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 24: Governing Council Retreat

August 25 - Committee Fair (after service)

September 1 - Wholeness & Healing Service

September 8 - Education Hour Kickoff
(Potluck & Ice cream social),

Commissioning of Teachers & Students,
Commissioning of Chancel Choir,

Education Center Remodel Open House

September 15 - Commissioning of Acolytes,
Youth Ushers & Bell Choir,
Sunday Funday after service

September 22 - Bibles for 3 year olds & third graders

Just a friendly reminder that our pictorial directory photo dates are fast approaching! We will be having family photography on September 26, 27 and 28th.

Appointment times are filling up so hurry and schedule your time if you have not done so already.

Just for participating, you will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a pictorial church directory for each family. You will view your images right away and have the opportunity to purchase family portraits. Our Family Directory will not be complete without you!

You can schedule an appointment by clicking the link below or call the church office.

<https://www.ucdir.com/schedule/login.php>

COLUMBUS RESCUE MISSION

Every year we give away over 300 food baskets to those people in the community who are required to make the choice between buying groceries and paying bills. We try to eliminate that decision by providing them with a food basket. If you can help by donating any of the following, it would be greatly appreciated.

Food Basket Grocery List: Meat (hamburger is always a versatile choice), Bags of Potatoes, Cans of Vegetables, Cereal, Rice and Coffee. With a full house, a can of coffee disappears quickly at the Columbus Rescue Mission.

Also needed are: **Bibles, Used vehicles, and Laundry Detergent and Bleach.** When you have 20 people or more staying every night you can only imagine the amount of laundry we have. With lots of laundry comes the need for lots of laundry detergent and bleach. If you are able to help the Mission with detergent and bleach you will be helping our guests progress towards independence.

We also need **Disposable Razors.** A shave goes a long way towards projecting a good first impression on a job interview. Thank you, Katie Claus

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.