



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, August 22, & Sunday, August 25, 2024
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Year B); Committee Fair

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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Bill Royer, Head Usher				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, & SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (YEAR B); COMMITTEE FAIR

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

PRELUDE

Here I Am, Lord
Take My Life and Let It Be
Amanda Weeder, Piano

ALBERT MENDOZA
GINA SPRUNGER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION NOMINATING COMMITTEE (THURS.)

Marilyn Vrana

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Georgia Behlen

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Feasting on the Word

One: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another:

All: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

One: If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat,

All: and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.

One: Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord,

All: and He will repay him for his deed.

*** OPENING HYMN # 435**

We All Are One in Mission

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Heavenly Father, our pride can make it easy for us to self-righteously be separated from others. We delude ourselves, thinking that we are somehow better. We ignore the needs of the sick and hungry. We label one another unjustly. We even judge the intentions of those we don't know. Have mercy upon us, Lord. We confess all this wrong behavior as a sin against You and we are deeply sorry. Please forgive us and restore us completely by Your mercy in the fullness of Your good grace. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: I am the good shepherd;

All: I know my sheep and my sheep know me

One: just as the Father knows me and I know the Father

All: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

One: I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.

All: No one will snatch them out of my hand.

One: My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all.

All: No one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: God asks that we love each other.

All: Let us show love.

One: God asks that we serve each other.

All: Let us serve.

One: God asks that we practice peace with each other.

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

*** SING THE FAITH #2176(SUN.)**

Make Me a Servant (first time - leader, second time - all)

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.)

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Katie Claus, Liturgist (Sun.)

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

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SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12 : 9 - 13

Luke 10 : 33 - 34

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Pew Bible, NT, page 160

Pew Bible, NT, page 72

SERMON

Service

Bob Arp

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are all God's family; we are special;

We belong; we are not alone; we are wanted;

We are accepted; we don't have to be afraid;

We are imperfect, but we still belong.

We are accepted; we need not feel guilty;

We can start over again; we are safe.

There is meaning and purpose;

there is always love for us;

we can live with ourselves because God's Spirit lives in us.

We can belong to him; in him, we belong to each other.

* RESPONSIVE HYMN STF #2222

The Servant Song (verses 1, 2, 3 & 6)

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

As we gather for worship today, we are reminded of the profound call to serve one another and to be instruments of God's grace. Our offering of time, talent and treasure is a celebration of faith, love, and the shared mission to uplift those in need.

* 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

Great and awesome God, we offer our time, talents and treasures joyously and not begrudgingly. Your word says that whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. We likewise acknowledge that service to others is the rent we pay for our room in heaven. You enrich us each and every day, in every way, to be generous on every occasion. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN STF #2223

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (verses 1, 2, 3)

* BENEDICTION

As we go forth from this place, may the spirit of service guide our every step. May we be a reflection of God's love and compassion in all that we do, reaching out to those in need with open hearts and willing hands.

POSTLUDE

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

ARR. VIRGINIA HALBERG

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.
- ◆ We rejoice with the Hahn family with the wedding of Connor Hahn and Bethany Magg on August 24, 2024. Connor is son of Gene & Cola Hahn and grandson of John & Anita Hahn.

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Lyons

Dear God, we come before You with humble hearts as we seek a new pastor to lead our congregation. We thank You for the pastors who have shepherded us in the past, and we trust that You will provide the right leader for our future. Lord, guide us in this search process. Grant wisdom to those on the search committee and all involved in making this important decision. Prepare the heart of the pastor You are calling to us. Fill them with Your Spirit and guide them toward our congregation. Amen.

◆ UCC Living Waters Association: Omaha Northwest Hills UCC (Omaha, NE 68134)

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.

Rescue Mission Meals

THANK YOU to all the individuals who volunteered to do meals for the Rescue Mission this year. Every month is covered now, we are truly blessed to have such giving people in our church.

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.

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 25, 2024

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, August 26, 2024

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2

4:00pm Diamond Dancers, gym

7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

1:00pm PEO Meeting, EC8 or FH

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

10:00am Staff Meeting

4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, online

Thursday, August 29, 2024

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, August 30, 2024

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, August 31, 2024

No events scheduled

Sunday, September 1, 2024

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 25 - Committee Fair (after service)

September 1 - Wholeness & Healing Service

September 8 - Hymn Sing Service,

Education Hour Kickoff

(Potluck & Ice cream Social),

Commissioning of Teachers & Students,

Education Center Remodel Open House

September 15 - Commissioning of Acolytes, Youth

Ushers & Chancel Choir,

Sunday Funday (after service)

September 22 - Bibles for 3 year olds

and third graders,

Commissioning of Bell Choir

September 26 - 28 - Church Directory Photos

(select your time slot online or call the office)

October 6 - Hymn Sing Service,

Fed@Fed supper with youth

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.