



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, September 5, & Sunday, September 8, 2024**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Year B); Education Hour Kickoff**

***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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Bill Royer, Head Usher				

**Welcome to Worship at Federated!**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (YEAR B); EDUCATION HOUR KICKOFF; HYMN SING

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

PRELUDE

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

ARR. SCHRADER

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

ARR. BISH

*Sunday School March in E Flat*

ARR. SCHREINER

Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Linda Wheatley

You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. *Matthew 5 : 14 (NKJ)*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

PC(USA) Office of Christian Formation

One: Jesus came casting out demons, feeding the hungry, loving the people.

**All: He taught us how to live.**

One: He comes infusing us with grace and peace and hope.

**All: He teaches us how to love.**

One: He is coming to perfect this world.

**All: He will praise God's holy name with us.**

One: Let us together worship the one who gives us all life.

**All: Let us worship the Lord Jesus. Amen.**

**\* HYMN SING**

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Friends we come before God with our confessions this day. Not to gain any reward or to be absolved, but only because we desire to repent and live differently. When we admit our wrongs, we turn and begin again. Therefore, in gratitude for God's grace, let us together confession our sins:

**All: God of compassion, we fail to follow your ways each day. We forget that you brought us up in order to care for one another. We deny your calling to be teachers and leaders. We dismiss the people who need us most. And yet you keep calling, you keep hoping, you keep believing in us. Help us, oh God, to be laborers with you. As you have shown us compassion and grace and care, remind us to do the same for all your beloved children. Show us your face in each other and soften our hearts to see it clearly.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Beloved in Christ we are free. We are known and loved.

**All: We are fully forgiven. Amen.**

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: May we be people of wholeness and peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Please share God's peace with one another.

**\* SING THE FAITH #2025**

*As the Deer*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

**COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

**Commissioning**

**Prayer**

**Congregational Charge & Blessing**

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

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One: Your baptism is sufficient for your calling.

**All: You have been baptized in Christ, who calls us into deep and abiding faith.**

One: We entrust to you the education, care, and faith formation of this community, calling upon each of you to walk with us this year.

**All: We journey together, following our Lord Jesus Christ, and trusting in your faithful leadership. As we join our hearts in growing and forming our faith, we commit to supporting you as you push us and challenge us and love us.**

One: Do those things with all grace, compassion, and gentleness.

**All: For the fruit of the Spirit is gentleness, kindness, love, peace, forbearance, joy, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control. Let us endeavor together to embody these fruits.**

One: Your gifts for leadership are well-received, appreciated, and celebrated. Go with God, buoyed by the gifts of the Spirit, to love and serve our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*God of Wonders*

BYRD/HINDALONG

Reagan Gausman, Will Yindrick and Stuart Gausman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marilyn Abrego, Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Gospel According to Mark 7 : 24 - 37

Pew Bible, NT, pages 42 - 43

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in the God of love, whose heart overflows to us, showering us with peace and hope and joy.

**We believe in the calling to go and care for one another.**

We believe God goes with us.

**In his life, Jesus created space to form our faith around him, his deeds, his divinity.**

In his resurrection, Jesus ushered us into all faithfulness. He appeared on the road to Emmaus, he walked into locked rooms, he invited us to touch his wounds.

**Even those who doubted came to believe in the one whom God called Emmanuel, God with Us.**

As we journey on, the Holy Spirit, the renewer of life and faith, constantly and persistently leads us on the path of righteousness.

**We believe in our common table, our shared baptism, and our vows to lift one another up in the faith. Amen.**

**\* RESPONSIVE HYMN # 439**

*In Christ, There Is No East or West*

**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.*

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**\* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of hope and restoration, we offer these gifts to you once again, so that they may be multiplied, especially as we purchase our materials that help us to learn more about you. For the hope that a fresh book brings, a newly sharpened pencil, a legal pad that has withstood the test of time, we thank you. May our notes and our learnings increase our faith in you, O God of all mercy. And as our synapses mysteriously create new paths as we learn in community, may we be spurred to create new paths in mission and service, offering good news to the world, as a people with something to say. Amen.

**\* CLOSING HYMN # 324**

*Open the Eyes of My Heart (verses 2, 3)*

**\* BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*O How He Loves You and Me*

KAISER

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

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

- ◆ Pray for the family of Lloyd Castner. Lloyd passed away on August 31, 2024.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Milo Kocourek, brother-in-law to John & Katie Claus. Milo passed away on August 27, 2024.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Dean Gaeth, father of Sid Gaeth. Dean passed away on August 27, 2024.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Niobrara Verdel**  
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Niobrara Verdel 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: Plainview First Congregational UCC** (Plainview, NE 68796)

**Stewardship Bible Verse:** You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.  
*Matthew 5 : 14 (NKJ)*

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- September 14 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- September 15 - Commissioning of Acolytes, Youth Ushers & Chancel Choir;  
Sunday Funday (after service)
- September 22 - 3-year-olds & 3rd Graders Bibles;  
Commissioning of Bell Choir
- September 26, 27, 28 - Photos for Church Directory

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.

**THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH**

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

- 8:45am SALT - Adult Sunday Class, EC4
- 9:00am Education Hour Kickoff
- 10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15am Potluck
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

**Monday, September 9, 2024**

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
- 4:00pm Diamond Dancers, Gym
- 4:30pm Order of St. Andrew Meeting, EC8
- 5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee
- 5:15pm Nominating Committee, Library
- 6:30pm Membership & Growth Committee, EC8
- 7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

- 5:30pm Consonnaires, Choir room

**Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

- 10:00am Staff Meeting, AD4
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, online
- 6:30pm H.I.S. Puppeteers, EC1
- 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

**Thursday, September 12, 2024**

- 6:30pm Worship Service

**Friday, September 13, 2024**

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

**Saturday, September 14, 2024**

- 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, FH

**Sunday, September 15, 2024**

- 8:45am SALT- Adult Sunday Class, EC4
- 9:00am Education Hour, Education rooms
- 10:00am Worship Service
- 11:00am Youth Ministry Committee
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

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