



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, September 12, & Sunday, September 15, 2024
Seventeenth 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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Laura Porter	Lori Rine	Jesse Abrego		
Andree & Terry Hoeman, Co-Historians				
Bill Royer, Head Usher				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (YEAR B)

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

PRELUDE

My Jesus, I Love Thee

ARR. HALBERG

I'd Rather Have Jesus

ARR. HAYES

Amanda Weeder, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

UCC Just Peace Sunday 2024

One: Today, we are grateful to gather and worship God in peaceful conditions.

All: While some congregations are rocked with bombshells, our service can exist in calm.

One: While some communities are rife with discord, our neighborhoods are primed for dialogue.

All: We are provoked to bring God's peace and praise wherever we go.

One: We hold fast to the vision of Shalom throughout all of God's creation.

All: We believe that peace is possible.

*** OPENING HYMN # 368**

I've Got Peace Like a River

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Christ, forgive us for harboring discord in our own hearts. At times, we hold unresolved anger in our bodies, in our families, and institutions. We forego confessions that would release us from silent stalemates. We are often quiet during the proliferation of warfare and buy into cultures of violence as if there is no peaceful alternative. We need your model and Spirit to lead us ever into fearless dwelling and loving communion. Amen.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends and peacemakers, "Just Peace is not a destination, but a path... may God grant us the required awareness and constant vigilance to resolve existing and developing conflict in ourselves and our communities."

All: May we be inspired by the serenity of creation, the reconciliation of Christ, and the breath of the Holy Spirit to dwell in and share Shalom. Help us recognize the 'things that make for peace' in our world. 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

HIS PUPPETEERS

Jump Into The Light (Song)

JANA ALAYRA

Putting God First (Skit)

MARTHA DOUGLAS

Performed by Katie Claus, Meredith Gaeth, Brinlee Klevemann, Tessa Miller, Ellie Porter, Otis Young

Julie Graham, Director

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

COMMISSIONING OF ACOLYTES AND YOUTH USHERS - *Names on Screen*

COMMISSIONING OF CHANCEL CHOIR - *Names on screen*

CHORAL ANTHEM

I Will Follow You

SUSAN NAYLOR CALLAWAY

Chancel Choir, Stuart Gausman, Director; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist

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

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SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Mark 8 : 27 - 38

Pew Bible, NT, pages 43 - 44

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - by Corinne McLaughlin and Gordon Davidson**

May we as a nation be guided by the divine to rediscover the sacred flame of our national heritage, which so many have given their lives to safeguard.

Let the wounds of separation and division be healed by opening our hearts to listen to the truth on all sides, allowing us to find a higher truth that includes us all;

May we learn to honor and enjoy our diversity and differences as a people, even as we more deeply touch our fundamental unity;

May we as a people, undergo a transformation that will draw forth individuals to lead our nation who embody courage compassion, and a higher vision.

May our leaders inspire us, and we so inspire each other, that a new spirit of forgiveness, caring and honesty be born in our world;

May we as a united people, move with clear, directed purpose to make our place within the community of nations to help build a better future for all humankind;

May we as a nation rededicate ourselves to truly living as one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all;

And may God's will be done for the United States, as we, the people, align with that will. Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN # 393***Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said***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

God's teaching surrounds us. If we wish to know love, to understand justice, or to embody wisdom, we must only pay attention. The gospel is always coming alive somewhere. For every new way God reaches out to us, takes on flesh and manifests within and around us, let us bring our offerings with gratitude. We can share with the church and the world our time, our talents, or our wealth, all for God's love and justice.

*** 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**

Incarnate One, especially in these times of uncertainty, we hope to be companions of righteousness. We hope to divest from all that destroys. We hope to live into the Spirit of Christ that sets the captives free. With these offerings, we pray that our gratitude will manifest in acts of radical love and peace where and when they are needed most. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN # 391***Take My Life (verses 1, 3, 5 & 6)**** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

I Love You, Lord

ARR. SANBORN

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Homestead Presbytery: Norfolk

First PC, Norfolk is involved in a number of local and ecumenical ministries that include youth. We also continue a long-time mission interest in Malawi, supporting 3 different missions in the country: Norfolk Schools, Malawi, a private Christian school founded by one of our members, Joe Mtika; the ministry of Tyler and Rochelle Holms, who are building a capability for Malawians to drill their own water wells; and a sister church relationship with the Kaphuta Church in Mzimba. Prayers for the health of the church as a whole and our youth ministries in particular would be very much welcome.

◆ UCC Living Waters Association: Ralston UCC (Ralston, NE 68127)

Stewardship Bible Verse: The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart... For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.
Luke 6 : 45 (NIV)

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

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, September 15, 2024

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

Monday, September 16, 2024

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
7:00pm Order of St. Andrews meeting
7:00pm Circle 4 Meeting, Library
7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

5:30pm Consonnaires, Choir room
5:45pm GC meeting, EC8
6:30pm Finance & Property Committee, EC8
6:30pm Personnel Committee, AD2

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

9:30am Circle 1 Meeting, FH
10:00am Staff Meeting, AD4
1:00pm Circle 2 Meeting, FH
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 19, 2024

6:30pm Worship Service

Friday, September 20, 2024

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, September 21, 2024

No events scheduled

Sunday, September 22, 2024

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

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

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