



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, September 19, & Sunday, September 22, 2024**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Year B); Bibles for 3 yr. olds & 3rd graders**

***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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**Welcome to Worship at Federated!**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (YEAR B); BIBLES FOR 3 YR. OLDS & 3RD GRADERS

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

PRELUDE

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*  
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

ARR. LARSON  
ARR. LABENSKE & MAINS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Order of Worship

One: Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord,

**All: And meditate on God's word day and night.**

One: They are like trees planted by streams of water,

**All: Which yield their fruit in its season. Let us worship the Lord, our source of wisdom and strength.**

**\* OPENING HYMN # 477**

***Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim (verses 1, 2 & 4)***

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have often acted out of selfish ambition and vain conceit. We have allowed envy and self-interest to guide our actions, rather than the wisdom that comes from above. Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts and quarrels among ourselves and others. Help us to submit ourselves to you, resist the devil, and draw near to your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Walk in the newness of life!**

**\* 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

Edward Yang

BIBLES FOR 3 YEAR OLDS AND 3RD GRADERS - *Names on screen*

COMMISSIONING OF BELL CHOIR - *Names on screen*

BELLS OF JOY

*Festive Rondo*  
Bell Choir, Stuart Gausman, Director

CYNTHIA DOBRINSKI

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nicole Miller, Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Gospel According to Mark 9 : 30 - 32

Pew Bible, NT, page 45

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - A Brief Statement of Faith**

In a broken and fearful world

**the Spirit gives us courage**

to pray without ceasing,

**to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,**

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

**to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,**

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

**and to live holy and joyful lives,**

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

**praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

With believers in every time and place,

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death**

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\* RESPONSIVE HYMN # 372**

*Lord, I Want To Be A Christian (verses 1 - 3)*

**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**

In gratitude to God for all our blessings, let us bless others with a portion of all we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God.

**◆ 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**

**Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you as an expression of our gratitude and love. May they be used to nurture wisdom, foster peace, and serve those in need. As we dedicate these offerings, help us to embody the spirit of humility and service that Christ has witnessed among us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN # 555**

*Now Thank We All Our God (verses 1 - 3)*

**\* BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

*Plein Jeu*

**YOUNG**

**Membership & Growth Small Groups:** Do you enjoy concerts, plays, or any upcoming arts and events in Columbus? However do you stay home because you do not want to attend alone and would rather go with others? Here is your chance to go with others. The Membership and Growth Committee is getting a group of people together to attend these events.

If you are interested, please contact Ruth Lind and leave your name, phone number and email address. I will add your name or names to the list and will contact you when the next event comes up. If there is something you would like to see or attend, please give us your ideas. Please contact the church office if you need Ruth's contact information.

## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

◆ Pray for Ron Novak, he was recently diagnosed with cancer.

◆ Pray for the family of Arlene Fleischer. Arlene passed away on September 12, 2024. Funeral arrangements are pending.

### ◆ Homestead Presbytery: North Bend

Our church could use prayers for a new ministry that we began in September. We are beginning a Christian Singles Group for people between the ages of 30 and 45. It will include a once-a-month Bible study, potluck dinners, going bowling, playing games, a service project, and more. This age group consists of people who are largely forgotten because of the erroneous assumption that all people that age are married. Please pray for the success of this ministry and its outreach to the lonely and alone. Beginning September 8th, it will be held every Sunday evening from 6 to 8 pm at the United Presbyterian Church in North Bend.

### ◆ UCC Living Waters Association: Scribner First Congregational UCC (Scribner, NE 68057)

**Stewardship Bible Verse:** Be sure that you feed and shepherd God's flock - his church purchased with his blood - for the Holy Spirit is holding you responsible as overseers. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."  
Acts 20 : 28, 35 (LB)

The Columbus Rescue Mission is located at the old Mory's Haven building. Federated has provided meals once a month to the mission for a long time, the second Friday of the month. I recently visited with Chaplain Dave Porter, who has been at the mission for nineteen years, to clarify some information and to answer questions that people may have. At the present time there are no facilities for women/families but this area is under construction. When completed, the Rescue Mission can house up to 75 people. This year, our Social Concerns and Missions committee is suggesting that instead of partnering with the person/persons you normally partner with to take a meal to the Rescue Mission, how about asking someone else to help you with this? Two or three people can get together, divide up the meal, and therefore involve new people who may be hesitant to bring a meal for 25 people! Working together is always a good way to develop friendships or strengthen existing friendships.

The Rescue mission does not give up on people. Chaplain Dave Porter said that their programs allow people to see there is a different way, with the grace of God. Federated Church is a part of this important ministry.

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, September 22, 2024

8:45am SALT - Adult Sunday Class, EC4

9:00am Education Hour

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, September 23, 2024

4:00pm Diamond Dancers, gym

5:15pm Nominating Committee, Library

7:00pm Scout Meeting Troop 212, FH

### Tuesday, September 24, 2024

5:30pm Consonnaires, Choir room

7:00pm Governing Council Meeting, EC8

### Wednesday, September 25, 2024

10:00am Staff Meeting, AD4

6:30pm H.I.S. Puppeteers, EC1

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Thursday, September 26, 2024

2:00pm Photo Session - Picture Directory, Narthex

6:30pm Worship Service

### Friday, September 27, 2024

8:00am Photo Session - Picture Directory, Narthex

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

### Saturday, September 28, 2024

8:00am Photo Session - Picture Directory, Narthex

### Sunday, September 29, 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 22 - 3-year-olds & 3rd Graders Bibles;  
Commissioning of Bell Choir

September 26, 27, 28 - Photos for Church Directory

October 5 - Homestead Presbyterian Women Fall  
Gathering 10 am - noon, First Presbyterian of  
Lincoln

October 6 - Hymn Sing Service, World Communion  
Sunday

October 12 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

October 20 - Children's Sabbath, Sunday Funday

October 27 - Annual Fall Congregational Meeting

November 3 - Heritage Sunday, Potluck

November 10 - Recognition of Veterans, Hymn Sing  
Service