



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, May 22 & Sunday, May 25, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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	
Georgia Behlen, <i>President</i> Bob Arp, <i>Vice President</i> Barb Sanderson, <i>Secretary</i>			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. <i>Pastor/Head of Staff</i> edward@federatedcolumbus.org	Stuart Gausman <i>Director of Music Ministry</i>
<u><i>Class of 2025</i></u>	<u><i>Class of 2026</i></u>	<u><i>Class of 2027</i></u>	Brenda Sand <i>Christian Education Director</i> brenda@federatedcolumbus.org	Lee Augustin <i>Organist</i>
Pat Anderson	Chris Dixon	Terry Norris	Kathy Zywiec <i>Co-office Administrator, Social Media Coordinator</i>	Amanda Weeder <i>Accompanist</i>
John Lohr	Nila Novotny	Linda Wheatley	Antoneea Kriewald <i>Co-office Administrator</i>	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia <i>El Buen Pastor Fellowship</i>
Brenda Sand	Max Porter	Marilyn Vrana	Mark Baumann <i>Custodian</i>	Beatriz Garcia Lopez <i>Nursery Attendant</i>
Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons				
Kathy Leischner	Tammi Gotschall	Peg Meyer		
Barb Olson	Steve McClure	Joe Chin		
Lori Rine	Jesse Abrego	Brenda Wardman		
Andree & Terry Hoeman, Co-Historians				
Bill Royer, Head Usher				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, MAY 22 AND SUNDAY MAY 25, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

ARR. SCHRADER

In This Moment of Remembrance

D. WOOD

For All the Saints

ARR. LORENZ

Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God.

All: Let all the peoples praise you.

* OPENING HYMN #293

This is My Father's World

* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Let your hearts be still, for God loves you and forgives all your wrongdoing.

Beloved, receive the peace of Christ

All: Thanks be to God!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: With forgiveness, we have peace with God and one another. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Please share a sign of peace with one another.

* HYMN STF #2108

O How He Loves You and Me (verse 1)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC VIDEO

Open Our Eyes Lord

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brenda Sand, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts of the Apostles 16 : 9 - 15

Pew Bible, NT, page 136

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Steve Heinisch

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

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 your common lot conquering sin and death and reconciling the

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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 #324**

Open My Eyes That I May See

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 (Contributions can be placed in box/plate by sanctuary entrance)

*** 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**

Giving God, as spring bursts forth its blossoms it witness to your love, you bless us from generation to generation with the new life of Easter faith. All that we have and all that we are come from you, O God, so we gladly share this offering, that others too may be blessed, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

*** CLOSING HYMN STF #2281**

May You Run and Not Be Weary

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Great Thou Art

HYMN TUNE, 1890's

New Organ Installation and Request for Ideas

We are excited to announce that the **new organ** is scheduled to be installed on June 23rd. In preparation, members of the Finance & Property Committee will remove the existing organ on June 16th.

The committee is seeking creative suggestions for how to repurpose or make use of the existing organ parts. If you have an idea, **please submit it in writing to the church office no later than June 14th.**

Additionally, if you are interested in serving on a sub-committee to review the submitted ideas, please submit your name in writing to the office staff by the same date.

Thank you for your input and support during this exciting transition!

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THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, May 25, 2025

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, May 26, 2025

Church Office Closed

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

11:30am Staff Meeting

7:00pm Governing Council, EC8

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

7:00pm Vacation Bible Camp Leaders Meeting

Thursday, May 29, 2025

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, May 30, 2025

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, May 31, 2025

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, June 1, 2025

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00am Vacation Bible Camp Setup

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Lincoln Good Shepherd**

We at Good Shepherd give thanks to God for the blessings we've experienced recently and ask for your prayers as we continue in service. Praises: We celebrate the generosity of our congregation in the successful completion of our Bedding Drive for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Many dozens of children in our community will sleep more comfortably thanks to the compassionate giving of our members. We also give thanks for our Blanket Ministry, whose members continue to create and deliver comfort. We are especially grateful for the many dedicated volunteers who faithfully pitch in behind the scenes, often stepping up without being asked, to keep ministry happening week after week. Prayers: We ask for prayers for the many families in our congregation who have experienced the loss of loved ones. It has been a season of unusual grief for us, and we seek the Spirit's comfort and peace for those who mourn. Please also lift up our ministry teams as they continue their work toward the goals set for 2025. May they be guided by Your vision Lord, energized by the Holy Spirit, and unified in Christ. Lastly, we pray for the wider Church as we proclaim the Good News in a complex world. In all things, we give glory to God, our good Shepherd and Guide.

♦ **UCC Living Waters Association: Columbus Federated UCC** (Columbus, NE 68601)

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ♦ Pray for the Laura Porter family. Laura passed away on May 20th. Celebration of Life will be Thursday, May 29 at 10:30 am.
- ♦ Pray for Dennis Davis and family. Dennis, from Atlantic, Iowa is the brother-in-law of Doug & Randi Williams. Dennis's cancer is advancing and prayers are needed.
- ♦ Congratulations to Caleb Michael Hast, son of Allison Hast, grandson of Steve & Jackie Marker. Caleb will be attending CCC for general studies this fall while he decides which career path he wishes to pursue.
- ♦ Congratulations to Elizabeth Jo Miller, daughter of Matt & Nicole Miller, Granddaughter of Sherry Miller. Elizabeth will be attending UNL this fall and major in Biochemistry.
- ♦ Congratulation to Taytum Miller, daughter of Stacey Miller. Taytum plans to attend NE Wesleyan University to obtain a Bachelors of Exercise Science and a Masters in Athletic Training. Taytum will continue her volleyball career at Wesleyan.
- ♦ Congratulations to Grant Joshua Pickrel on completing his Bachelor of Science Degree at Chadron State College. Grant is the grandson of Jan Pickrel.
- ♦ Congratulations to Diana Gartrell on her retirement. She retired April 21, 2025 after 21 years at Cornhusker Public Power District.
- ♦ Please pray for Marek Griffith's surgery on May 27th. Marek is the newborn son of Michael & Rachael Griffith, grandson of Annette & Bob Griffith.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 26 - Memorial Day, church office is closed
May 28 - Vacation Bible Camp leader meeting
May 29 & June 1 - Communion, Wholeness & Healing
June 1 - Vacation Bible Camp setup
June 9 - you can drop off items for garage sale

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