



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, May 29 & Sunday, June 1, 2025

Ascension of the Lord, Seventh Sunday of Easter, Wholeness & Healing Service

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>
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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 29 AND SUNDAY JUNE 1, 2025

ASCENSION OF THE LORD, SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, WHOLENESS & HEALING SERVICE

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

PRELUDE

I love to Tell the Story

ARR. ROBIN THOMAS

Brethen, We Have Met to Worship

ARR. MATT LIMBAUGH

All Creatures of Our God and King

ARR. MARK HAYES

Amanda Weeder, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sanctified Art

One: Gather us in -

All: the lost and the lonely.

One: Gather us in -

All: the seeking and doubting.

One: Gather us in -

All: for healing, for hope, for new life we pray – gather us in.

*** OPENING HYMN SING**

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of the here and now, we know that you are here, but too often we fail to see you. Too often in times of pain, we choose to numb, distract, or ignore our hurt rather than bring it to you. Forgive us for the times we choose busyness over Sabbath and suppression over healing. Still our minds and strengthen our hearts so that we might be able to see and know you better. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Book of Common Worship (PCUSA)

One: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

All: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

One: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Amen.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: God has made us one in Christ as the Spirit dwells in our hearts. The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

*** HYMN STF #2068**

I Love You, Lord

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC

People Need the Lord

MCHUGH/NELSON

Stuart Gausman, Saxophone; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Alison Wagner, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts of the Apostles 1 : 1 - 11

Pew Bible, NT, page 118

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

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

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*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** - "Because Jesus Ascended" by Christine Sine

One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new world has broken into ours -

All: a world in which justice does come for the poor, freedom comes for the prisoners, and healing for the sick.

One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new community has been formed -

All: a community that loves and cares for all members, a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected, a place where all find a place of belonging.

One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new creation has begun -

All: all that was distorted is being restored, all that is corrupted is being renewed, all that was broken is being made whole.

One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,

All: God's new world has begun. Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN #462** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE OF WHOLENESS & HEALING

Book of Worship (UCC)

THANKSGIVING OVER OIL

INVITATION TO ANOINTING

ACT OF ANOINTING

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

Mighty God, you rise with healing in your wings. As we wait in hope for the coming of that day when crying and pain shall be no more, help us by your Holy Spirit to receive your power into our lives and to trust in your eternal love, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN #394** *There Is a Balm in Gilead (verses 1 & 3)*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

There is a Balm in Gilead

ARR. ROBIN THOMAS

June 1 Café LaFed is hosted by Mike & Sharyn Beard

June 8 Café LaFed is hosted by Katie Claus

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♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Lincoln Heritage**

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Lincoln Heritage 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: Columbus St. Luke's UCC** (Columbus, NE 68601)

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, June 1, 2025

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am Vacation Bible Camp Setup
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, June 2, 2025

8:00am Vacation Bible Camp
4:30pm Order of St. Andrew Meeting
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

8:00am Vacation Bible Camp
12:00pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

8:00am Vacation Bible Camp

Thursday, June 5, 2025

8:00am Vacation Bible Camp
12:30pm The Basket Cases Craft Group
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, June 6, 2025

8:00am Vacation Bible Camp
6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, June 7, 2025

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, June 8, 2025

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15am Youth Ministry Committee Meeting
3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ♦ Congratulations to Stuart and Kristen Gausman on their 25th wedding anniversary!
- ♦ Prayers requested for Nell Burham. Nell fell on Monday and broke her pelvis.
- ♦ Pray for the family of Laura Porter. Laura passed away on May 20th. Celebration of Life was Thursday, May 29th.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Pray for the family of Charles Brockhaus of Port Lavaca, TX. Charles is the father of Brianna Brockhaus. He passed away during the week of May 25th.
- ♦ Chancel flowers were given by the family of Laura Porter.
- ♦ We thank God for Marek Griffith's surgeries going well last week. Please pray for continued healing for Marek, son of Michael & Rachael Griffith and 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.

Summer **Café LaFed** and **Special Music** sign up sheets are in the Narthex. Please sign up if you can!

Garage Sale is scheduled for **June 28th**. You can start bringing your stuff June 9!

Volunteers will be needed June 23rd through June 28th. Volunteer sign up sheets will be posted soon in the Narthex.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 2 - 6 - Vacation Bible Camp

June 8 - Pentecost Sunday

June 9 - you can drop off items for garage sale

June 15 - Father's Day

T-SHIRT SALES

ORDER FORMS IN THE NARTHEX

June 15 - 30

Stop in the office, email the office or call.

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