



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, June 26 & Sunday, June 29, 2025**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

***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.**

| Governing Council - Federated Church Elders  |                             |                             | Federated Church Clergy and Staff  |   |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Georgia Behlen, <i>President</i><br>Bob Arp, <i>Vice President</i><br>Barb Sanderson, <i>Secretary</i> |                             |                             | Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D.<br><i>Pastor/Head of Staff</i><br><a href="mailto:edward@federatedcolumbus.org">edward@federatedcolumbus.org</a> | Stuart Gausman<br><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<br><i>Christian Education Director</i><br><a href="mailto:brenda@federatedcolumbus.org">brenda@federatedcolumbus.org</a>     | Lee Augustin<br><i>Pianist</i>                                |
| Pat Anderson   | Chris Dixon                 | Terry Norris                |  |   |
| John Lohr  | Nila Novotny                | Linda Wheatley              | Kathy Zywiec<br><i>Co-office Administrator,<br/>Social Media Coordinator</i>   | Amanda Weeder<br><i>Accompanist</i>                           |
| Brenda Sand  | Max Porter                  | Marilyn Vrana               | Antoneea Kriewald<br><i>Co-office Administrator</i>  | Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia<br><i>El Buen Pastor Fellowship</i> |
| Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons   |                             |                             | Mark Baumann<br><i>Custodian</i>   |   |
| 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, JUNE 26 AND SUNDAY JUNE 29, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

Let There Be Peace

ARR. MARK HAYES

Battle Hymn of the Republic

ARR. MARILYNN HAM

Amanda Weeder, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We are freed from the law's constraints, no longer bound by its demands,  
but empowered by the love of God and the Spirit.

**All: We are set free!**

One: Come, let us rejoice in the freedom we have found in Christ,  
where unity and love are the way we live.

**All: We are united!**

One: Let us offer our lives as a living sacrifice,  
serving one another with love and grace, for the glory of God.

**All: We are here to serve.**

**\* OPENING HYMN #561**

*My Country 'Tis of Thee*

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Seeking to follow God, we humbly confess the ways in which we have sinned,  
that we might find grace.

**All: God of mercy, cleanse us of our sin. Lead us to ways of love, joy, and peace. Send your Spirit to  
give us patience, kindness, and generosity, and lead us to care for all your people. Amen**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: We are all called to freedom. Amidst thunderous storms and rocky waters, God reaches out to us  
in love.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC

Now to Him

KEITH LANCASTER

Men's Quartet

Bob Arp, Steve Heinisch, Dave Melick, Doug Williams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Wayne McCormick, Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

The Letter of Galatians 5 : 1 ; 5 : 13 - 25

Pew Bible, NT, page 190 - 191

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Katie Claus

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

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**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

As we near our day of Independence, we stand in faith and gratitude, acknowledging the blessings of liberty and the grace of God.

**We are united in the belief that all people are created with inherent dignity, freedom, and purpose, by the hand of our Creator.**

We believe that Jesus' death and resurrection have liberated us and freed us to walk in faith.

**We trust in God's providence and protection, and we commit to working together for the common good of all, with love and compassion.**

We believe in the power of faith, hope, and love to heal divisions, build unity, and guide our country toward a more just and peaceful future.

**We give thanks for the gift of freedom, recognizing that true freedom comes from God and that it is our duty to defend it with wisdom and courage. Amen.**

**\* RESPONSIVE HYMN GTG #354**

*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* (see bulletin insert for words)

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)

Through loving deeds and generous acts, we become a blessing to others and give honor to Christ's name. What greater reward could we ask than to share in God's saving work?

**\* 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**

**God of hope, you gave your Son to free a lost world. You give your Spirit to comfort and encourage. You give us hope for a future free of pain, sorrow, and tears. May our gifts be used so that others will see the goodness of knowing you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN #564**

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

**\* BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Light of the World is Jesus

ARR. HAYES

**T-SHIRT SALES (new colors!!!)  
ORDER FORMS IN THE NARTHEX  
June 15 - 30**

Stop in the office, email the office or call.  
fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org

**ORDER ONLINE**

[http://inkedcolumbus.com/federated\\_church](http://inkedcolumbus.com/federated_church)

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

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

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## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, June 29, 2025

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, June 30, 2025

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

### Tuesday, July 1, 2025

11:30am Staff Meeting, AD2

1:30pm Cries of the Spirit, Library

6:30pm Christian Education Committee, ECD8

### Wednesday, July 2, 2025

4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online

### Thursday, July 3, 2025

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, July 4, 2025, Happy 4th of July

Church office closed

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

### Saturday, July 5, 2025

No scheduled events

### Sunday, July 6, 2025

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

### ♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Lyons**

We continue to be blessed to have a wonderful partnership with Bethany Lutheran Church, another local congregation. With our combined efforts, we are able to continue serving our community and deepen our relationship with God. Our church is still prayerfully and actively searching for the Pastor whom God has called to lead our congregation. In the meantime, we are thankful for our interim Pastor, and we trust that, in God's perfect timing, He will bring the right leader to guide us into the next chapter of ministry. May we continue to grow in grace and love as we wait upon the Lord.

### ♦ **UCC Living Waters Association: Fremont First Congregational UCC** (Fremont, NE 68025)

## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ♦ Pray for Judy Woitaszewski, mother of Nicole Miller. Judy is recovering from a rare infection from a tick bite (not Lyme disease). She is on antibiotics and on the road to recovery.
- ♦ Pray for Mike Sand who will be having hip replacement surgery on July 2nd. Mike is Brenda's husband. Pray for a fast and full recovery.
- ♦ Congratulations to Cola Hahn on her retirement from Columbus Public Schools after 18 years. Cola will retire the end of June.
- ♦ Congratulations to Laoretta Dixon. Laoretta will be celebrating her 90th birthday on July 17th. Everyone is welcome to attend a birthday celebration in the Fellowship Hall on July 19th between 2 and 4 p.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 4th - Independence Day,

Church office closed

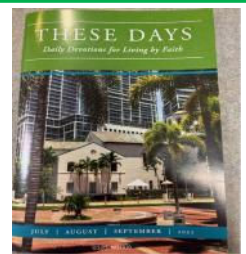
July 27 - 31 - Triennium Trip

JOIN  
**TEAMMATES**  
MENTORING  
of Columbus  
TODAY

Join the Team. Be a Mentor.

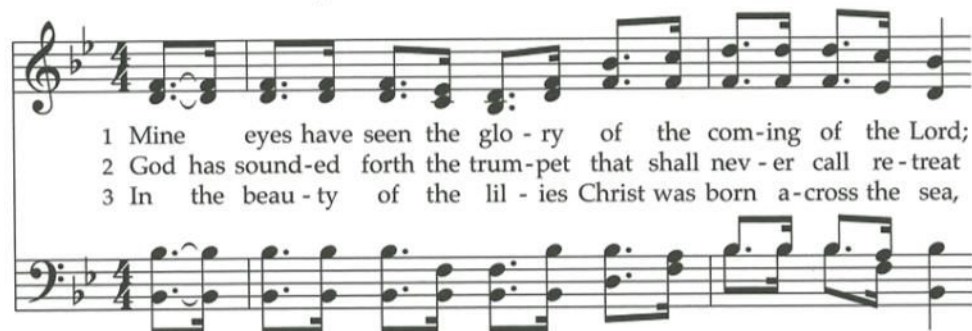


These Days for the 3rd quarter of 2025 is now available in the Narthex and office

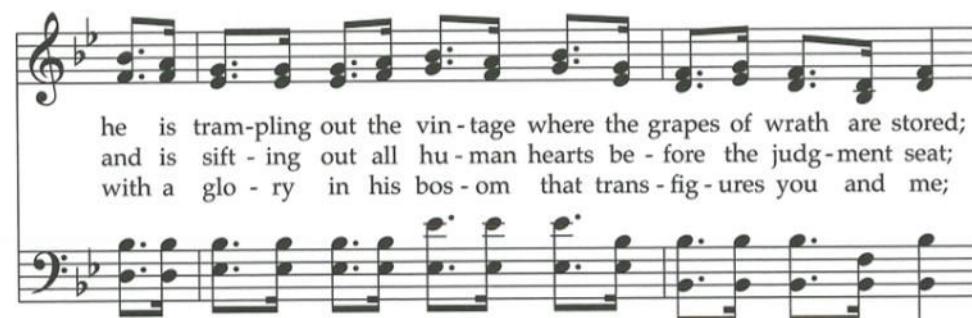


**Library room** will be open as nursery during the summer months. Please feel free to use this space for caring for your children as needed. Thank you.

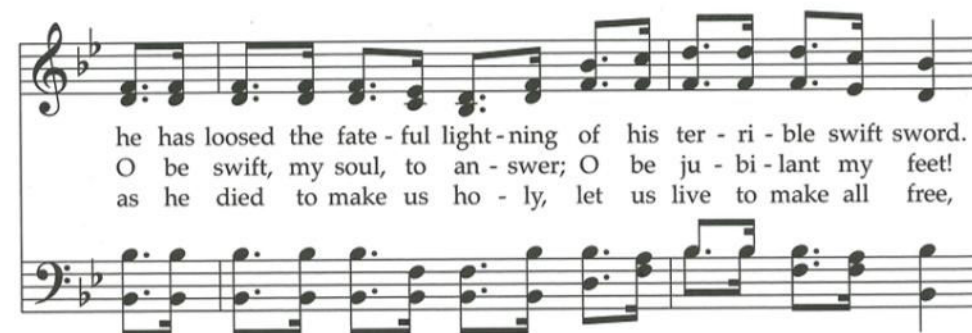
# 354 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;  
 2 God has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat  
 3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
 and is sift - ing out all hu - man hearts be - fore the judg - ment seat;  
 with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me;



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword.  
 O be swift, my soul, to an - swer; O be ju - bi - lant my feet!  
 as he died to make us ho - ly, let us live to make all free,

*Refrain*



God's truth is march - ing on.  
 Our God is march - ing on. Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le -  
 while God is march - ing on.



lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry,



glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! God's truth is march - ing on.

## GOVERNING COUNCIL, ORDER OF ST. ANDREW AND COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

Please prayerfully consider serving a term on any church committee beginning in 2026. Below are summaries of the GC, OSA and Committees with openings.

### **Governing Council**

3 year term, meets monthly. Manages the affairs of the church, policy makers of the congregation.

### **Order of St. Andrew**

3 year term, meets monthly. Makes visits and assists with care ministry to congregation members and community.

### **Christian Education Committee**

3 year term, meets monthly. Provides Christian educational opportunities for all who wish to grow in faith, spirit and discipleship.

### **Finance & Property Committee**

3 year term, meets monthly. Develops & implements goals/procedures/policies for the financial wellbeing of the church and its properties.

### **Membership & Growth Committee**

3 year term, meets monthly. Identifies status of members/potential members, provides fellowship opportunities, recruits and coordinates volunteers for church activities.

### **Nominating Committee**

1 year term, meets as needed. Presents annual slate to the congregation at the Fall Congregation Meeting of recommended names for elected offices and committee members.

### **Personnel Committee**

3 year term, meets monthly. Serves as relations liaison with staff and the congregation. Hears requests and concerns of all staff; seeks to build positive attitudes toward work of the church by both workers and members.

### **Social Concerns & Missions Committee**

3 year term, meets monthly. Develop opportunities for the congregation to fulfill the work of the church in our community, country, and throughout our world, by utilizing their talents, time and treasures.

### **Stewardship Committee**

3 year term, meets as needed. Offers education and action to enable the congregation to give of their time, talents, and treasures for the work of the Church.

**Nominating Committee Members are Georgia Behlen, Bob Arp, Roland Augspurger, Jill Miller, Anita Hahn, Sue McClure and Bill Royer. Please contact a member to voice your desire to serve on any of the above listed committees.**