



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, July 17 & Sunday, July 20, 2025
Sixth 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 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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Andree & Terry Hoeman, Co-Historians				
Bill Royer, Head Usher				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, JULY 17 AND SUNDAY JULY 20, 2025

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

PRELUDE

When We All Get to Heaven

ARR. LABENSKE

Let the Heavens be Glad: the Lord Reigns!

1 CHRONICLES 16 : 31

Lee Augustin, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

Roland Augspurger

Presbyterian Outlook

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God calls us here to worship. We carry many worries and are distracted by many things, but here, in this time and place, we are invited to set them aside, to be fully present.

Let's pause and take a deep breath.

We remember who we are:

All: We are the body of Christ.

One: We remember whose we are:

All: We are God's beloved children.

One: We remember our chief purpose:

All: To glorify and enjoy God forever.

One: Let us worship God!

*** OPENING HYMN #339**

Be Thou My Vision

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Those who speak the truth from their heart abide in God's presence. Let us speak the truth now as we confess our sin together:

All: Holy God, we are pulled in many different directions. We are distracted by the news, quick to point fingers and pass judgment, but reluctant to examine the ways we benefit from the injustice in our world. We are distracted by our fears. We fear the loss of health, safety, and financial security. Instead of proclaiming your abundance, we operate from a mindset of scarcity. We are distracted by our tasks, by calendars that shape our priorities, leaving us with less time and energy for what is most important. We confess our distraction, even as we acknowledge that sometimes we embrace it because it's easier than sitting at Jesus's feet, learning what it means to follow him. We confess that distraction is easier than discipleship. Forgive us. Help us discern and choose the better path as we seek to follow Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: This good news will not be taken away:

All: We are seen as God's beloved children, holy and blameless, reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.

One: Let us live into this good news:

All: we are forgiven!

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: In Jesus Christ, we know God's forgiveness and peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share that peace with one another.

*** Hymn STF #2164**

Sanctuary (sung twice)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC VIDEO

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Luke 10: 38 - 42

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "Blessed Martha Love and Joy Expressed" by John Newton**

Blessed Martha love and joy expressed,

To entertain her heavenly guest;

While Mary, ravished with her Lord,

Sat at his feet, and heard his word.

True love divine, in both the same,

Let each to glorify his name;

Each met her Lord with joyful heart,

"But Mary chose the better part."

While one prepared her earthly bread,

The other wanted to be fed;

One toiled with care to spread a feast,

The other leaned on Jesu's breast.

Both met the favor of their Lord,

His grace for each prepared a word;

While Mary drank full draughts of love,

Grace, careful Martha, did reprove.

Thus Christians with the world are vexed,

Oft are encumbered and perplexed;

Vain tribes so engross their thought,

The one thing needful is forgot.

Teach us, dear Lord, that part to choose,

Which through thy grace we ne'er shall lose;

Then could we call the world our own,

We'd leave it all to see thy throne. Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN # 363**

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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)

In Christ, we have received the better part, which will not be taken away.

We offer our gifts with joy and gratitude. Freely we have received; now freely let us give.

*** 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.**

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

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Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

"The Heart of Worship" (Playback Media)

Nila Novotny, Liturgist

Pew Bible, NT, page 72

Edward Yang, Pastor

*** UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Abundant God, we give thanks for your grace and provision in our lives. Use these gifts to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our community and the world. May they witness to your love and care for all people, as we offer our time and energy to do the same. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN STF # 2038**

Father, I Adore You

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Jesus Shall Reign!

ARR. DENTON

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, July 20, 2025

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, July 21, 2025

9:00am Missoula tryouts

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

9:00am Missoula rehearsal

11:30am Staff Meeting, AD2

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

9:00am Missoula rehearsal

Thursday, July 24, 2025

9:00am Missoula rehearsal

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, July 25, 2025

9:00am Missoula rehearsal

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, July 26, 2025

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, July 27, 2025

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Are you interested in working in the Nursery during each Sunday service? This is a paid position. Please contact the office if you are interested.

2025 Columbus Days Celebration

Christian Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, August 7, 2025

Federated Church Fellowship Hall

6:30am breakfast 7am program

\$10.00 tickets are available

at the Columbus Chamber Office

Please let the Columbus Chamber know by August

5th if you are planning on attending the prayer

breakfast and we will save a seat for you at the head

♦ Homestead Presbytery: Norfolk

First PC, Norfolk is involved in a number of local and ecumenical ministries, and we 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. Right now, First PC is in negotiations to lease some of our church space to a childcare organization. We covet your prayers as we work through the details of a potentially new ministry in Norfolk.

UCC Living Waters Association: Newcastle
Congregational UCC (Newcastle, NE 68757)

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ♦ Pray for Karen Whitney who was hospitalized briefly and had several tests on Friday. Prays for a fast and full recovery.
- ♦ Congratulations to Harold & Rogalyn Stevens who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 13th.
- ♦ Pray for Tony Grabowski, brother of Karen Grabowski. Tony was in a serious accident and has multiple surgeries on his leg.
- ♦ Pray for Guy Wheatley as he is recovering from a heart procedure.

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