



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, September 18 & Sunday, September 21, 2025**  
**Fifteenth 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	
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Lori Rine	Jesse Abrego	Brenda Wardman		
Andree & Terry Hoeman, Co-Historians				
Bill Royer, Head Usher				

**Welcome to Worship at Federated!**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AND SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE

*Poor Wayfaring Stranger*

ARR. INNES

*A Song of Hope*

TROUTMAN

*Let There Be Peace On Earth*

ARR. STICKLES

Lee Augustin, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Linda Wheatley

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Presbyterian Outlook

One: Turn us, O God,

**All: away from the world's temptations and distractions**

One: Return us, O God,

**All: to the quiet calm of your presence**

One: Restore us, O God,

**All: to the path you call us to follow**

One: Orient us, O God,

**All: to the hope of all that is possible through you**

**\* OPENING HYMN #332**

*Live Into Hope*

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us honestly acknowledge how we have gone astray and confess our sins to God.

**All: God, our refuge, you lift up the lowly and hold out hope to the hopeless. Yet we who receive your grace so freely do not follow your example. We are quick to judge, eager to criticize, slow to show mercy. We gather and keep for ourselves what was meant to be shared. We diminish and dehumanize those around us. God of us all, hear this confession. Receive it. We ask for your forgiveness.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Isaiah 43:1 states, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine."

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

**\* 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.

**\* HYMN STF #2025**

*As the Deer*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

BIBLES FOR 3 YEAR OLDS AND 3RD GRADERS

COMMISSIONING OF BELL CHOIR

BELLS OF JOY

*For Whom the Bells Toll*

ARR. GRAYBEAL

Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beatriz Garcia Lopez, Liturgist

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

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Luke 16 : 1 - 13

Pew Bible, NT, page 79

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – “A DISHONEST STEWARD” BY CAROLYN WINFREY GILLETTE

A dishonest steward found out he'd been fired;

he thought, “I'm in trouble! Now what will I do?

**It's not very likely that I'll soon be hired,  
so I'll make a plan to get out of this stew.”**

He called up the people who owed his boss money;

he settled their debts at deep discount that day.

**Those debtors were thrilled that their day had turned sunny;  
now they were indebted to him, in a way.**

His boss heard what happened but did not reverse it;

His debtors were praising him; what could he do?

**That boss seemed the hero; he'd make matters worse if  
he tried to collect from those debtors anew.**

He praised the shrewd worker — but not for deception;

he praised him for wisdom — for knowing the score.

**He praised him for knowing that people could help him;  
when money was gone, he'd have what mattered more.**

O Lord, we remember the things that you taught us:

Though he was dishonest, that worker was shrewd.

**He looked to the future and he was relentless.**

**He saw the big picture; he knew what was true.**

For money won't matter; it never can save us.

Relationships matter when push comes to shove.

**May we as a church face the changes around us —**

**Not trusting in money, but seeking to love. Amen.**

### \* RESPONSIVE HYMN #428

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

## 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)

God's abundance cannot be matched. Still, we are inspired to be generous by a generous God.

We are inspired to give by the greatest of givers. In gratitude to God, let us present our tithes and offerings.

### \* 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.*

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**\* UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, what we place before you is but a fraction of all you have entrusted to us. Receive these gifts, we ask, and multiply them for your purpose. Let our offerings become a source of blessing for the most vulnerable, for those in greatest need. May the act of giving, rooted in generosity, loosen our grip on what we possess, and kindle in us a deeper desire to share. Amen.

**\* CLOSING HYMN #432**

*Song of Hope*

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Finale in B Flat*

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September 21 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Good Shepherd Hispanic Ministry  
September 28 - Café LaFed is hosted by Circle #1

**THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH**

**Sunday, September 21, 2025**

8:45am SALT - Adult Education Class, EC4  
9:00am Education Hour, EC rooms  
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

**Monday, September 22, 2025**

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2  
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

**Tuesday, September 23, 2025**

11:30am Staff Meeting, AD2  
5:30pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir room  
5:30pm Girl Scout Play Practice, FH  
7:00pm Governing Council, EC8

**Wednesday, September 24, 2025**

4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online  
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir room

**Thursday, September 25, 2025**

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

**Friday, September 26, 2025**

6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

**Saturday, September 27, 2025**

*No Scheduled Events*

**Sunday, September 28, 2025**

8:45am SALT - Adult Education Class, EC4  
9:00am Education Hour, EC rooms  
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

Are you not receiving our weekly MailChimp email but you would like to? Please let the office know and we will get that set up for you!

Are you interested in working in the nursery each Sunday during our service hour?  
Please contact the office if you know of anyone.  
(This is a paid position.)

**♦ Homestead Presbytery: Thurston John Huss**

Prayers for our continued ministry in Thurston in spite of our small numbers and advancing ages!

**UCC Living Waters Association:** Tilden Peace UCC  
(Tilden, NE 68781)

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

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

- ♦ Pray for the family of Larry Spence, husband of Shirley Spence. Larry passed away September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ♦ Congratulations to Kaitlin & John Carey as they are getting married on September 20th in Sacramento, CA. Kaitlin is the daughter of Clark & Robin Lehr.
- ♦ Congratulations to Dana Augspurger on her retirement! Dana retired the end of July after 42 years of being a hairdresser.
- ♦ Pray for Glynette Smith, she is having open heart surgery on October 1st.



Stewardship 2026 - Through generosity, we shine the light of Christ into the lives of others.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**October 19 - Children's Sabbath**  
**October 26 - Fall Congregational Meeting**

There are still quite a few books leftover from our garage sale in EC8. They will only be there for a couple more weeks, so make sure you go check them out if you have not already!

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