



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, April 30 & Sunday, May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter; New Member Recognition, Birthdays, Hymn Sing

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	
<p>Bob Arp, <i>President</i> Steve Heinisch, <i>Vice President</i></p>			<p>Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. <i>Pastor/Head of Staff</i> edward@federatedcolumbus.org</p>	<p>Stuart Gausman <i>Director of Music Ministry</i></p>
<p><i>Class of 2026</i> Nila Novotny Max Porter Jon Kiser</p>	<p><i>Class of 2027</i> Terry Norris Linda Wheatley Marilyn Vrana</p>	<p><i>Class of 2028</i> Marcia Grant Antonio Garcia Placido Campos</p>	<p>Brenda Sand <i>Christian Education Director</i> brenda@federatedcolumbus.org</p>	<p>Lee Augustin <i>Pianist</i></p>
Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons			<p>Kathy Zywiec <i>Co-office Administrator</i> <i>Social Media Coordinator</i></p>	<p>Amanda Weeder <i>Accompanist</i></p>
<p>Tammi Gotschall Steve McClure Jesse Abrego</p>	<p>Peg Meyer Joe Chin Brenda Wardman</p>	<p>Doris Augspurger Lori Rine Georgia Behlen</p>	<p>Antoneea Kriewald <i>Co-office Administrator</i></p>	<p>Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia <i>El Buen Pastor Fellowship</i></p>
<p>Andree & Terry Hoeman, <i>Co-Historians</i></p>			<p>Mark Baumann <i>Custodian</i></p>	<p>Deb Gaeth Anjel Garcia Lopez <i>Nursery Attendants</i></p>
<p>Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i></p>				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, APRIL 30 & SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS, HYMN SING, BIRTHDAYS

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

Prelude *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* ARR. GLYNCANNON
God is Here ARR. HOBBY
How Great Thou Art ARR. SWANN
Lee Augustin, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Feasting on the Word

One: Be full of joy!

All: Christ is risen!

One: Praise out loud!,

All: Christ is risen!

One: Shout hosanna,

All: Celebrate the continuing joy of Easter.

* HYMN SING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Whoever believes in Christ will not be put to shame. Confident in this promise, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Sisters and brothers, once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Christ's love has no limits. It is given to all so we can be united as one in the body of Christ. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

* HYMN STF # 2108

O How He Loves You and Me (verse 1)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Cookie Crisis

BRENDA NOYED (ONE WAY STREET, INC), AND ADAPTED BY ELLIE PORTER

Read it

ARRANGEMENT BY MARK BRADFORD, "BEAT IT" BY MICHAEL JACKSON 1982, MIJAC MUSIC

H.I.S. Puppeteers: Ellie Porter, Meredith Gaeth, Annabelle Bender, Myla Bender and Austyn Bender

Directors: Ellie Porter directed "Cookies" and "Read It", Julie Graham, Anjel Garcia,
Assistant Deb Gaeth

SPECIAL MUSIC

*All My Trials
If I Had a Hammer*

AMERICAN FOLK TRADITIONAL
SEEGER & HAYES

Dana Augspurger, Steve Heinisch, Doug Williams

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Beatriz Lopez Garcia, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to John 14 : 1 - 14

Pew Bible, NT, pages 108-109

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (SEE SCREEN FOR WORDS)**

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN # 438**

Blest Be the Tie that Binds (verses 1 & 2)

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation of New Members:

Bob Arp, Church President

NEW MEMBERS: Brianna Brockhaus (05/28/2024), Brent & Sarah Bettenhausen (03/14/2026),

Isaac & Aysha Cook (04/26/2026), Derek Curtis (02/25/2026),

Placido Guillermo Campos Jorge (10/22/2024)

Questions to New Members & Congregation

Prayer

*** Welcome of New Members**

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

*** HYMN # 438**

Blest Be the Tie that Binds (verses 3 & 4)

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

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

Almighty God, receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness. Make our lives to be an acceptable offering in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN STF # 2146**

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me!

SPIRITUAL

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

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May 3 Café LaFed is hosted by the Endowment Committee

May 10 Café LaFed is hosted by the Bell Choir

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, May 3, 2026

8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer
8:45am SALT- Adult Sunday Class, EC4
9:00am Education Hour, EC rooms
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, May 4, 2026

5:30pm MGP monthly gathering, AD2
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

1:30am Cries of the Spirit, Library
6:30pm Christian Education Committee, EC8
7:00pm Worship & Music Committee, EC8

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

11:30am Staff meeting, AD2
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir room

Thursday, May 7, 2026

12:30pm The Basket Cases Craft Group, EC8
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, May 8, 2026

6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study

Saturday, May 9, 2026

8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, FH
3:00pm Meyer/Warren Wedding

Sunday, May 10, 2026

8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer
8:45am SALT- Adult Sunday Class, EC4
9:00am Education Hour, EC rooms
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15am Youth Ministry Committee, EC8

- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery:** *Niobrara Verdel*
Prayers are requested for the well being prosperity of the Niobrara Verdel 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: Arlington Community UCC (Arlington, NE 68002)

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for Marilyn Vrana , she will be having hip replacement surgery on May 4th.
- ◆ Congratulations to Luke Andreasen, grandson of Sharon Kuncl will receive his D.S.S. degree May 7, 2026 at the University of Nebraska Dental College. He will be employed by Innovation Dental College.
- ◆ Congratulations to Reva Long, granddaughter of Sharon Kuncl will graduate on May 9, 2026 from the UNL with a B.S. degree in computer engineering. Reva will be employed by Hudl.

For a long time, Federated Church has provided meals for the Rescue Mission on the second Friday of the month. The month of JULY is still available if you would like to help. If two or three families go together to provide a meal, it helps, as grocery prices have been going up. Please talk with friends and see if you can go together to provide a meal for one of these months. This is an important ministry - and it takes all of us to make it work. Thank you. Social Concerns and Missions Committee

Volunteers are still needed for the following:

- ◆ **Liturgists** (all Sundays!!!)
- ◆ **Special Music** starts May 24th for the summer. Sign up in the Narthex now.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 3 - New Member Recognition, Birthday Recognition, Hymn Sing, Communion, Puppeteers performance
May 10 - Mother's Day, flower sale in Narthex
May 17 - Chancel Choir Appreciation And Teacher Appreciation, Graduation
May 25 - Memorial Day, church office is closed
May 31 - 5th Sunday Potluck

The can bank is back! You can now bring your aluminum cans for recycling. Thank you for your patience while it was being repaired.

Social Concerns & Missions Committee is collecting paper towels and toilet papers for the Center for Survivors. April-May-June.