



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, May 7 & Sunday, May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

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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Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i>				

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, MAY 7 & SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; MOTHER'S DAY

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

Prelude

Love Medley

ARR. HAM

His Eye is on the Sparrow

ARR. HAM

In the Garden

ARR. SPRUNGER

Amanda Weeder, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO

“We Celebrate Moms” (Motion Worship)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Presbyterian Outlook

One: We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

All: Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

One: We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried, and now risen indeed!

All: Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.

One: We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide!

All: Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.

One: We gather to celebrate the ancient hope of Christians:

All: God is with us and will never let us go.

*** OPENING HYMN # 288**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and humility, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

All: Ever-present God, we come before you knowing we have ignored your promised Holy Spirit living within us. Therefore, we forfeit peace and bear needless worry. We become confused and deaf to your voice of truth. We struggle with obedience to your Word and fight an overwhelming sense of loneliness. Forgive us! Help us to remember that we are never alone, that you are with us and for us, by the power of your Spirit abiding in us, the Spirit of Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: If God is for us, who can be against us? Believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In 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 SERMON

CHORAL ANTHEM

Rise Up and Call Her Blessed

CHOPLIN

Chancel Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jackie Marker, Liturgist

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

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts of the Apostles 17 : 22 - 31

Pew Bible, NT, pages 137 - 138

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 Mother's Day Liturgy by Noelene Martin

(words projected on the screen)

* RESPONSIVE HYMN *For All the Faithful Women* (see insert for words and music)

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)

* 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

O Lord our maker, defender, redeemer and friend, accept and multiply the gifts we give today to be for your glory and for the good of your people. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN # 275

God of Our Life

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God of Our Life

ARR. MENDOZA

May 10 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Bell Choir

May 17 - Café LaFed is hosted by the Youth Ministry Committee, Graduation Sunday

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

Summer Hours and Security Changes

Starting Monday, May 18th the church office will implement summer hours. We will be open from 8 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 4:30 pm. We will be closed from noon to 1 every day for lunch.

We will also be implementing a new security protocol. All of the outside doors to the church will be locked during office hours. To gain entry you will need to come to the southwest doors and press the doorbell button, under the camera, for the office staff to buzz you in.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 17 - Chancel Choir Appreciation
And Teacher Appreciation, Graduation
May 25 - Memorial Day, church office is closed
May 31 - 5th Sunday Potluck

ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT - June

If you would like to highlight a special "activity" in the June newsletter please contact the office before May 20th.

Newsletter articles, stories, pictures are due May 20th for the upcoming June issue.

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

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THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Monday, May 11, 2026

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
- 5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee
- 6:00pm Membership & Growth Committee
- 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Election Day - Fellowship Hall Polling Place

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

- 12:30am All Staff meeting, AD4
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir room

Thursday, May 14, 2026

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, May 15, 2026

- 6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study

Saturday, May 16, 2026

- 9:00am Fantastic 4-Hers, FH

Sunday, May 17, 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

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Norfolk**

First Presbyterian Church Norfolk will rent the church Education Wing to the Norfolk Area Childcare Collaborative June 2026. We are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of community building through the new childcare program in Norfolk. Pastor Brian Johnson announced his retirement in August 2026. Our congregation looks forward to the bittersweet time ahead in which we will celebrate Pastor Brian's work among us and to say goodbye. We praise God, the author of all things.

UCC Living Waters Association: Blair Congregational UCC (Blair, NE 68008)

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for Marilyn Vrana , she is recovering from hip replacement surgery she had on May 4th.
- ◆ Congratulations to Evan Hill, grandson of Marv & Barb Zoucha graduated from UNL with a degree in mechanical engineering. He will move to Kansas City and work for Kiewit.
- ◆ Congratulations to Zachary Buetlner, grandson of Marv & Barb Zoucha is graduating from Norfolk High School. He will attend UNK on a pre-law track.
- ◆ Congratulations to Madeline Zoucha, granddaughter of Marv & Barb Zoucha, is graduating from Cherry Creek High School in Centennial, Co. She will attend Coastal Carolina College in South Carolina, studying exercise science.
- ◆ Congratulations to Brooklyn Ivy, she graduated from SEC-Milford with a degree in Non-Destructive Testing. She has a job with Klute Manufacturing. Brooklyn is the granddaughter of Pat Ivy.
- ◆ 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.

Volunteers are still needed for the following:

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

324 For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
 E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)
 B^b E^b Cm7 Fm B^b



days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)
 E^b B^b7 E^b Cm



all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)
 F B^b A^b B^b E^b



glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 Cm7 A^b B^b E^b Fm B^b E^b



lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Created to honor the tenth anniversary of the first ordination of a woman in the Lutheran Church in America, this text celebrates representative women of the Bible: Miriam and Ruth from Hebrew Scripture, Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene from the gospels, and Dorcas from Acts.



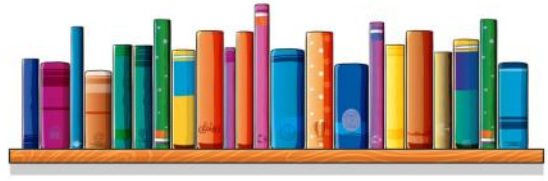
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

June 1st - 5th | 8:15 am - 11:30 am | 2710 14th Street, Columbus, NE

Hosted By:

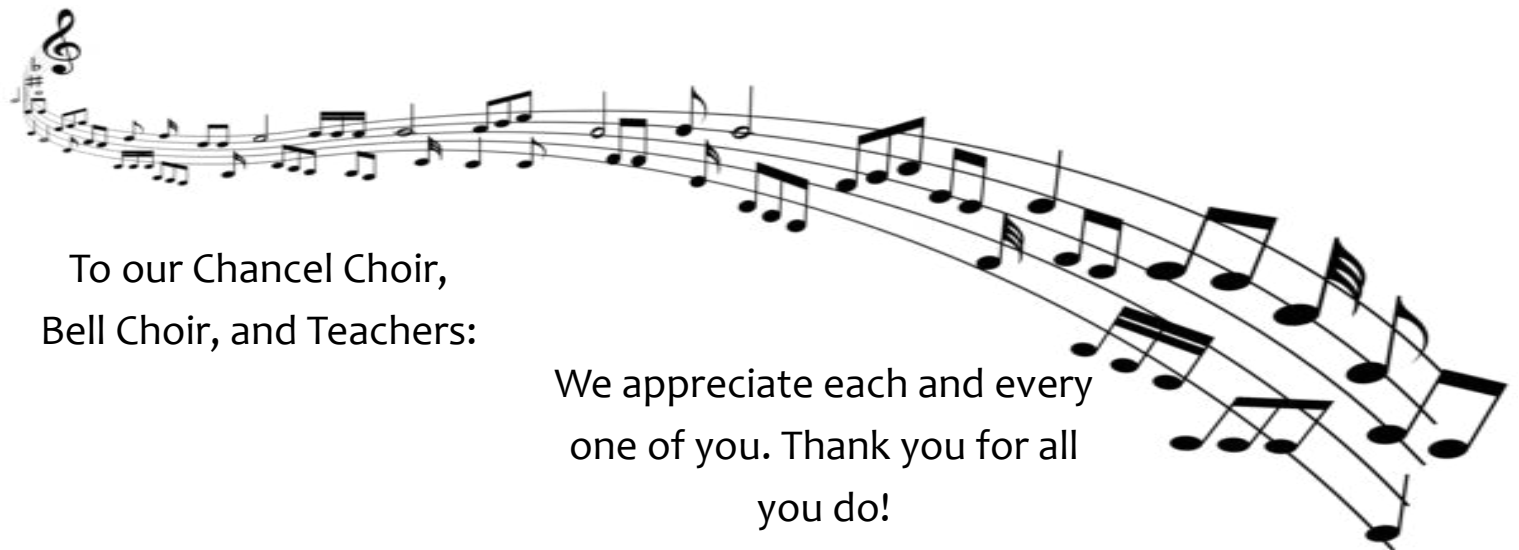
First United Methodist (402)564-8463 | Federated Church (402)564-2812 | St. Luke's UCC (402)564-8862

Register: <https://forms.gle/NNKdyGddSBR9Zjyz9>



2026 *Class of*

Graduation service is May 17th. If you or someone in your family are graduating from school (kindergarten, high school, or college) please share that information with us so we can all rejoice together about their great accomplishments!



To our Chancel Choir,
Bell Choir, and Teachers:

We appreciate each and every
one of you. Thank you for all
you do!