



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, May 14 & Sunday, May 17, 2026**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter; Graduation Celebration,**  
**Appreciation of Chancel Choir and Education Hour Teachers**

**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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Steve McClure	Joe Chin	Lori Rine		
Jesse Abrego	Brenda Wardman	Georgia Behlen		
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Bill Royer, <i>Head Usher</i>				

# Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, MAY 14 & SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; GRADUATION CELEBRATION,

APPRECIATION OF CHANCEL CHOIR AND EDUCATION HOUR TEACHERS

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

PRELUDE

*And Can It Be?*

ARR. FAYE LOPEZ

*Trust Medley*

ARR. LOPEZ

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

ARR. LOPEZ

Amanda Weeder, Pianist

*Pomp and Circumstance*

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

UCC Worship Ways

One: Let God rise up! Sing to God; lift up a song to the One who rides upon the clouds—the Holy One—be exultant before God.

**All: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy!**

One: Let God rise up! Ascribe power to God, full of majesty and power.

**All: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy!**

One: Let God rise up! Awesome is God in the sanctuary, who gives power and strength to the people.

**All: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy! Blessed be God!**

**\* OPENING HYMN # 267**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

**\* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Righteous God, you offer the newness of life and we cling to dry and desolate places. We withhold our trust and cling to the ways of the world while retreating from witnessing to your goodness in the world. We allow hopelessness to reign in our lives and direct our attitudes and actions. Help us, O God, to believe that resurrection is not a one-time event but a way of being we commit to living. Let the resurrected live in us transform our being, thinking, and doing in the world.

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* WORDS OF GRACE**

One: New Creation in Christ, the resurrected life is yours.

**All: We place our hope in the assurance that, in Christ, all things are made new. Change is possible.**

One: The world we seek is ours to build, nurture, and sustain.

**All: God has given us grace and authority as well as a Companion to make a difference in the world.**

One: Receive these gifts freely as they are given.

**All: Thanks be to God, 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**

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

APPRECIATION OF EDUCATION HOUR TEACHERS

K-6th Grade: Megan McHugh, Nicole Miller, Ashli Porter

8-12th Grade: Lisa Perrin & Max Porter

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

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CCLI License #1160936 & 20180420

(SALT) Adult Education: Katie Claus & Steve Heinisch

Nursery: Deb Gaeth, Anjel Garcia Lopez

Children's Bells Choir Director: Stuart Gausman

H.I.S. Puppet Ministry: Julie Graham, Deb Gaeth & Anjel Garcia Lopez

APPRECIATION OF CHANCEL CHOIR

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Light of Grace*

BECK

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Katie Claus, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to John 17 : 1-11

Pew Bible, NT, page 111

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "An Affirmation of Unity" by Nolan Palsma**

We share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;

**have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit,**

are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup,

**confess one Name, are obedient to one Lord,**

work for one cause, and share one hope.

**Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ;**

are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;

**know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one**

**another and build up one another,**

admonishing and comforting one another;

**that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness.**

Together we pray;

**together we serve God in this world. Amen.**

**\* RESPONSIVE HYMN #435**

*We All Are One in Mission*

GRADUATE RECOGNITION: CLASS OF 2026

**LITANY FOR GRADUATES (Episcopal Life Weekly)**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GRADUATES

Bronwyn Prokopec, Toby Sand, Malynn Slizoski, Brielle Wolfe, Eliot Yang

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**

**Generous God, may these gifts we bring be used to bless, to build, and to beautify through generous and faithful care. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN STF# 2150**

*Lord, Be Glorified*

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

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\* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

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### THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

#### **Sunday, May 17, 2026**

8:45am SALT- Adult Sunday Class, EC4

9:00am Education Hour, EC rooms

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

#### **Monday, May 18, 2026**

**Summer office hours begin: 8am-noon & 1-4:30pm**

5:00pm Personnel Committee, AD2

7:00pm Jazz Orchestra Practice, choir room

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting

#### **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

6:30pm Finance & Property Committee, EC8

#### **Wednesday, May 20, 2026**

9:30am Morning Circle Club, Library

11:30 am Staff meeting, office

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir room

#### **Thursday, May 21, 2026**

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary (wear RED)

#### **Friday, May 22, 2026**

*No events scheduled*

#### **Saturday, May 23, 2026**

*No events scheduled*

#### **Sunday, May 24, 2026**

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary (wear RED)

- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery:** *North Bend* Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the North Bend 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:** Center Congregational UCC (Center, NE 68724)

### JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Maxson Hoke, son of Carly and Anthony Hoke of Long Beach, Calif. is graduating from high school in Long Beach Maxson is the grandson of Guy & Linda Wheatley.
- ◆ Olivia Richmond, daughter of Mikaela and Tom Richmond of Kearney, graduated from UNL, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Emerging Media Arts. Olivia is the granddaughter of Guy & Linda Wheatley.
- ◆ Congratulations to Eli Fjell, grandson of Steve & Jackie Marker. Eli graduated from Shelby Rising City High School on May 9th. He is planning on going to Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas to pursue a degree in Ag Communications and continue wrestling!
- ◆ Congratulations to Brayden McPhail, grandson of John McPhail. Brayden graduated from UNL with a degree in Accounting.
- ◆ Congratulations to Melinda Marie Pickrel, granddaughter of Jan Pickrel. Melinda graduated from CCC-Grand Island with an Associates of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education. She will have her own in-home daycare in Fullerton.
- ◆ Congratulations to RL Hare (son of Roger & Catherine Hare) has recently published his 3rd novel and has now taken up photography. His nephew Aaron is the last of the Hare grandchildren to graduate from college; he was the school photographer for all the sports at Northwest Missouri State and this summer will do photography for the Monarch baseball team of Kansas City.