



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, May 28 & Sunday, May 31, 2026
Trinity Sunday

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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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, MAY 28 & SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

TRINITY SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE

This is My Father's World

ARR. GINA SPRUNGER

Come Thou Fount

ARR. SPRUNGER

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

ARR. SPRUNGER

Amanda Weeder, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Presbyterian Outlook

One: Our gracious God has created us and called us his own

All: Let us worship the triune God.

One: Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has redeemed our lives.

All: Let us worship the triune God.

One: The Holy Spirit sustains and guides us all the days of our lives.

All: In gratitude and joy, let us worship the triune God!

*** OPENING HYMN # 473**

For the Beauty of the Earth (verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: God calls us, again and again, to turn from all that separates us from the Divine and to return to God's path. Let us, then, name the ways we have sinned in wandering from God, relying on God's mercy to forgive and renew us.

All: Look deep, loving God, and see us as we really are. We are a people who prefer our will to your will. We focus on things of the self and give little thought or care to others. We wander through our days giving little thought to our own discipleship, let alone our call to help others become disciples. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and set us again on the path of your righteousness.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the Good News! While it is true that we have sinned,
it is a greater truth that in the name of Jesus Christ

All: we are forgiven.

One: Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Solid Rock

ARR. WARE

Stuart Gausman, soprano saxophone; Amanda Weeder, piano

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

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SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1 : 1 - 2 : 4a

Pew Bible, OT, pages 1 & 2

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED (Contemporary Version)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN # 268**

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

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**

Holy God, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from you. We dedicate these gifts given this day to your work of making disciples in this time and place. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN # 138**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 1, 3 & 4)

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

LARSON

2026 ANNUAL GARAGE & BAKE SALE

(You may start to bring your items to the church June 1)

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Televisions	Computer Monitors	Mattresses & Box Springs	Air Conditioners
Dehumidifiers	Refrigerators & Freezers	Firearms & Ammunition	Baby Car Seats

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Sunday, May 31, 2026

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:15am 5th Sunday Potluck, FH

Monday, June 1 2026

8:30am Vacation Bible Camp begins

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study

4:30pm OSA Committee Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

1:30pm Cries of the Spirit, Library

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online

Thursday, June 4, 2026

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, June 5, 2026

No events scheduled

Saturday, June 6, 2026

9:00am Fantastic 4-H'ers, FH

Sunday, June 7, 2026

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Panama**

Please keep the Panama Presbyterian Church (USA) in your prayers. Particularly, we have seen significant increases in the use of our monthly food distributions through the Lincoln Food Bank. Last year, the number of households we served rose from 40-50 to 70-80. That was marked by a noticeable decrease in Latino clients. We have been worried that that group is still here, but fearful of getting out into the public. For us, that means that there may be an even greater need out there than even the basic increases that we have seen. For the beginning of 2026 there has been a few less, though we are unsure whether or not it is related to early year weather conditions. Suffice it to say that there is great need and we are thankful that the church can help in what little way we can. We are very thankful for the coordinator and the volunteers! Additionally, please pray for us in our other ministries and worship that bind us together as a church family in the name of the Risen Lord through the Holy Spirit. God is good all the time...!

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Columbus St. Luke's UCC (Columbus, NE 68601)**

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for Steve Heinsch, he is recovering from knee replacement surgery he had on Tuesday, May 26th
- ◆ Congratulations to Ella Jane Pickrel, she graduated from Fullerton High School on May 9th with honors. Ella plans to attend Wayne State College to pursue a major in Elementary Educ. and a minor in Business Admin. Ella Jane is the granddaughter of Jan Pickel.

Nebraska Passport Car Caravan

Stay tuned for details about a car caravan being planned for Saturday, June 20th. The Membership & Growth Committee are planning several Nebraska Passport stops in Lincoln, NE - great time for visiting and enjoying lunch together.

www.nebraskapassport.com

Please call Ruth Lind or anyone on the Membership & Growth Committee if you are interested.

Summer Hours and Security Changes

Monday, May 18th the church office implemented new 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 have also started 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:

June 1 - Start bringing garage sale items to church
June 1 through 5 - Vacation Bible Camp
June 4 - Hymn Sing, service of Wholeness & Healing, Communion, Birthday Announcement
June 21 - Father's Day

Volunteers are still needed for the following:

- ◆ **Liturgists** (all Sundays!!!)
- ◆ **Café LaFed** (all Sundays!)
- ◆ **Special Music** starts May 24th for the summer.

Sign up in the Narthex now