



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, June 25 & Sunday, June 28, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost; America's 250th Anniversary

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		
Bob Arp, <i>President</i> Steve Heinisch, <i>Vice President</i>		
<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Nila Novotny	Terry Norris	Marcia Grant
Max Porter	Linda Wheatley	Antonio Garcia
	Marilyn Vrana	Placido Campos
Order of St. Andrew - Federated Church Deacons		
Tammi Gotschall	Peg Meyer	Doris Augspurger
Steve McClure	Joe Chin	Lori Rine
Jesse Abrego	Brenda Wardman	Georgia Behlen
Andree & Terry Hoeman, Co-Historians		
Bill Royer, Head Usher		

Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. <i>Pastor/Head of Staff</i>	Stuart Gausman <i>Director of Music Ministry</i>
Brenda Sand <i>Christian Education Director</i>	Lee Augustin <i>Pianist</i>
Kathy Zywiec <i>Co-office Administrator</i>	Amanda Weeder <i>Accompanist</i>
Antoneea Kriewald <i>Co-office Administrator</i>	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia <i>El Buen Pastor Fellowship</i>
Meg Weeder <i>Office Assistant</i>	Deb Gaeth Anjel Garcia Lopez <i>Nursery Attendants</i>
Mark Baumann <i>Custodian</i>	

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 & SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

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

PRELUDE

Let There Be Peace on Earth

MILLER/JACKSON

Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor

I. BERLIN

God Bless America

I. BERLIN

Lee Augustin, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENT ORDER OF ST. ANDREW

Peg Meyer

VIDEO

"This Is Our Home" (Independence Day Prayer) by rype.tv

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Call to Worship Journal

One: O sing to the Lord a new song;

All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.

One: Declare God's glory among the nations;

All: tell all the people of God's marvelous works.

One: Say among the nations: The Lord is sovereign!

All: God will judge the peoples with equity.

One: Let us worship God.

* **GATHERING HYMN #561**

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us open our lives to God's healing presence, seeking peace with God and reconciliation with our neighbors. Let us be mindful not only of personal evil but also of our communal sins of family, class, race, and nation. Let us confess to God whatever has wounded us or brought injury to others, that we may receive mercy and become for each other ministers of God's grace.

All: Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

* **MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

All: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

All: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

One: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Alleluia, amen!

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: God has made us one in Christ as the Spirit dwells in our hearts. The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

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

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

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* HYMN STF # 2068

I Love You, Lord

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

CHORAL ANTHEM

Our Song of Freedom

ARR. DRENNAN

Chancel Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director; Lee Augustin, Accompanist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sue McClure, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 10 : 40 - 42

Pew Bible, NT, page 11

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "In This Time of Great Reflection" by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette**

In this time of great reflection on two hundred fifty years,
We remember, as a nation, times we've prospered, times of tears.

**"We shall be," a preacher told us, "as a city on a hill" —
not to praise us but to warn us: We've a duty to fulfill.**

Here is what holds us together: Mercy, love, community.
We're to seek to care for neighbors in a just society.

**If we fail to help the needy and to build a land that's just,
we will simply be a by-word as the world looks on at us.**

We recall our nation's story. Keep us honest, God above!
In our quest for wealth and glory, we have injured ones you love.

**Through enslavement, through displacement, we have chosen ways of sin.
We've been violent. We've stayed silent. So our light of love stays dim.**

Will we work for racial justice? Will we turn from fear and hate?
What is now the public witness that you call us to create?

**As we celebrate our country, help us, Lord, to understand:
All of us must share the bounty and the goodness of the land.**

In this time, O God, restore us to the land we're called to be —
where all people here among us know your blest community.

May we seek to be that city, not with pride but as a prayer.

May we love and serve you humbly, in our land and everywhere. Amen.

* RESPONSIVE HYMN # 399

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

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**

Lord, keep this nation under your care. Bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and thus serve you faithfully in our generation, to the honor of your holy name; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

*** SENDING HYMN # 262**

God of the Ages, Who's Almighty Hand (verses 1, 2 & 4)

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Armed Forces Medley

ARR. HAMMERLY

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Sunday, June 28, 2026

8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:15am Ice Cream Social, FH

Monday, June 29, 2026

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

7:00pm Jazz Orchestra practice, choir room

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

No events scheduled

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

11:30am Staff Meeting, Office

Thursday, July 2, 2026

12:30pm The Basket Cases Craft Group, EC8

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, July 3, 2026

Church office closed

6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study, EC6

Saturday, July 4, 2026

No events scheduled

Sunday, July 5, 2026

8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

◆ **Homestead Presbytery:** *Steele City*

We are so blessed by our partnership with Wymore, through joint services, activities, and deepening friendships. We continue to seek opportunities of outreach to our own Steele City community, including a kids game booth and downtown worship service for the annual Steele City Flea Market this summer. Christmas Eve always offers a special occasion for families in our small town to join in our worship. Pray that we rise to the task of loving our neighbors and lifting our praise to God.

◆ **UCC Living Waters Association:** Hartington First Congregational UCC (Hartington, NE 68739)

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ◆ Pray for John Hahn and family, as John is currently having health issues.
- ◆ Pray for Carol Bottum who fell. She has asked for no visitors while recovering.
- ◆ Congratulations to Mitchell & Brea Griffith on the birth of their daughter, Malia Marie Griffith, born June 18, 2026. Grandparents are Bob & Annette Griffith. Pray for minor heart condition that will require surgery.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 28 - America 250 Ice-cream social

July 3 - church office closed for Independence Day

Volunteers are still needed for the following:

- ◆ Liturgists
- ◆ Café LaFed
- ◆ Special Music

Sign up in the Narthex

2026 ANNUAL GARAGE & BAKE SALE

(You may bring your items to the church)

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

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