



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, July 2 & Sunday, July 5, 2026
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost; Communion

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, *President*
 Steve Heinisch, *Vice President*

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Nila Novotny	Terry Norris	Marcia Grant
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	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, JULY 2 & SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE

Take the World, But Give Me Jesus

ARR. LABENSKE

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

ARR. LIMBAUGH

Battle Hymn of the Republic

ARR. HAYES

Amanda Weeder, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Presbyterian Outlook

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

One: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

All: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

*** GATHERING HYMN SING**

*** BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: The apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Galatia, "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." With full assurance of God's grace and mercy in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin before God and our neighbor.

All: Gracious and loving God, forgive us when we turn a deaf ear to your call in Jesus Christ and to the cries of those in the world who need your love and our help. Forgive us when we treat discipleship as a yoke of oppression rather than a blessing and gift for leading a faithful life as your people. O Lord, forgive our sin. Help us to know and love you with all that we are that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We pray for the strength of your Holy Spirit to equip us for our calling as followers of Jesus Christ, in whom we have our hope and put our trust.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The apostle Paul also wrote to the believers in Galatia, "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.

All: For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

One: Hear and believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: In Jesus Christ, we know God's forgiveness and peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share that peace with one another.

*** HYMN STF # 2164 (SUN)**

Sanctuary (sung twice)

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN)

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

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

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SPECIAL MUSIC (THURS)

Our Song of Freedom

ARR. DRENNAN

Recorded Sunday, June 28, 2026

SPECIAL MUSIC (SUN)

Oceans (Hillsong)

Sarah Bettenhausen, soloist; Amanda Weeder, accompanist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jackie Marker, Liturgist (SUN)

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 11 : 16 - 19, 25 - 30

Pew Bible, NT, pages 11 - 12

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - – “The Offer, The Longing, And The Fear” by John van de Laar

It's a familiar call, Jesus, a whisper almost unheard but persistent and unfailing

“Come,” it says. “Come to me, and I will give you rest.”

We long for what you offer, Jesus; we yearn for the still calm of wholeness

And yet we fear... What if we are disappointed?

What if we never find what we so desperately desire?

But the call remains – “Come to me...”

And so, in relief that our doubts do not silence your invitation;

in faith that all who answer are filled

– even though your gift may surprise us;

may be other than we expected;

in honest admission of our reticence and uncertainty; We come. Amen.

* RESPONSIVE HYMN *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling (see insert for words and music)*

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

Accept these gifts we bring, O Lord. Give us the wisdom, courage, and love we need to use them in ways that please you, spread the gospel, and care for our neighbors with the love of

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

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Jesus. We thank you for your indescribable gift! Amen.

*** SENDING HYMN # 384**

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

*** BENEDICTION**

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Sunday, July 5, 2026

8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, July 6, 2026

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

7:00pm Worship & Music Meeting, Library

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

11:30am Staff Meeting, Office

Thursday, July 9, 2026

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, July 10, 2026

11:00am Kay Castner Funeral Service

6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study, EC6

Saturday, July 11, 2026

8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, July 12, 2026

8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:15am Youth Ministry Meeting

♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Tekamah**

We pray for those harmed by the violence and cost of war, as well as those carrying out said violence; especially those in Palestine, Ukraine, and Iran. As we near the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, we pray for our country. May God direct, correct, and uphold the leaders and people of this nation as we strive to attain the lofty aspirations of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all people. We also pray for our community of Tekamah and the broader community of Burt County. We lift up to God those in our congregation who are suffering or struggling with illness, injury, grief, despair, and all else that ails us, trusting that God is with us in our struggles, granting us forgiveness, life, and hope. Finally, we give thanks to God for the many blessings we enjoy and ask for the strength and courage to share those blessings with our neighbors both near and far as we seek to be the body of Christ in and for the world.

♦ **UCC Living Waters Association:** Neligh First Congregational UCC (Neligh, NE 68756)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 11 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

July 18 - Annual Garage/Bake Sale

Volunteers are still needed for the following:

♦ **Liturgists**

♦ **Café LaFed**

♦ **Special Music**

Sign up in the Narthex

Social Concerns & Missions Committee is collecting leashes, pine sol and bleach for Paws and Claws in July, August and September. Thank you.

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ♦ Pray for the family of Joie Taylor who passed on June 27. Funeral Service was held on July 1 in Stuart, IA.
- ♦ Pray for the family of Kay Castner who passed on June 30. Funeral service will be July 10 at 11:00 am at Federated Church. Visitation will be July 9 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Gass Haney Funeral Home and continue from 10:00 am until service time at the church. Interment will be on July 11 at 11:00am at Maple Cemetery in Salem, NE
- ♦ Pray for Lisa Perrin as she recovers from shoulder surgery.
- ♦ Pray for John Hahn and family, as John is now on hospice care.

418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,
 Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

This 19th-century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Jesus' parable in Luke 15:11-32, commonly called "The Prodigal Son." Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.

ANNUAL GARAGE & BAKE SALE

JULY 18TH 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM

PLEASE BRING YOUR ITEMS BY JULY 14TH

BAKE SALE GOODS CAN BE BROUGHT
BETWEEN 4 AND 7 PM ON JULY 17TH OR
BEFORE 8:30 AM JULY 18TH

SET UP WILL BE JULY 15, 16, AND 17.
SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE IN THE
NARTHEX. ADDITIONAL HELPERS NEEDED
ON THE 18TH.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED
TELEVISIONS, COMPUTER MONITORS, BABY CAR
SEATS, MATTRESSES & BOX SPRINGS, AIR
CONDITIONERS, DEHUMIDIFIERS, REFRIGERATORS
& FREEZERS, FIREARMS & AMMUNITION

