



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, July 9 & Sunday, July 12, 2026
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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*

<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>	<i>Class of 2028</i>
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, JULY 9 & SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

Sweet By and By
On Jordan's Stormy Banks
Amanda Weeder, Pianist

ARR. HAYES

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Feasting on the Word

One: God's creation delights and astonishes.

All: Let the people pause and wonder.

One: God, the Creator, has made it all.

All: Let all creation shout and sing. Alleluia!

*** GATHERING HYMN # 551** ***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (verses 1, 2 & 4)**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: In Christ there is no condemnation, for perfect love casts out sin. Let us confess our sins to God.

All: Faithful God, your word falls on hardened ground when our worldly anxiety and attachment to wealth crowd out your place in our lives. Forgive our frail and human ways and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness, for you are our hope for deliverance.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Brothers and sisters, when deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, God forgives our transgressions. Be at peace, for God restores and strengthens you and waters your soul in its parched and hardened places.

All: Happy are those who come into God's courts, for we shall be satisfied with the goodness of God rejoice in the holiness of God's temple. Amen.

*** 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** ***Sanctuary* (sung twice)**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

Adapted from Children's Sermon, published on GaryNealHansen.com

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hallowed
Riley Gausman, Trumpet

GARY GAZLAY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sue McClure, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 13 : 1 - 9, 18 - 23

Pew Bible, NT, pages 13 - 14

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

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

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*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – “Christ Taught Us of a Farmer” by Carolyn W. Gillette**

Christ taught us of a farmer who went out sowing seeds.

A few had trouble growing among the rocks and weeds,

Yet others grew till harvest in soil that was so good.

O God, you sow the gospel: The seed is your own word.

You sowed your word of love here one hundred years ago.

Your message found a welcome; your word began to grow.

By grace, this church was built here by saints who followed you.

The seed took root and flourished: we hear and follow, too.

We thank you for each member who lives in loving ways:

For those who seek to serve you without expecting praise,

For hearts and songs uplifted, for work and sacrifice.

The seed you planted grows here: we grow in Jesus Christ.

In times of joy we praise you, in struggling times we search,

And always we are learning to be your faithful church.

Your Spirit gives us vision — and hearts and lives made new.

Your harvest is for sharing: sent out, we work for you. Amen.

*** RESPONSIVE HYMN # 560**

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

PRAYER 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**

You call us to sow your word in all times and places, even when the ground is hard and shallow.

For faith is a gift that comes from you, and fruitful discipleship is the work of your spirit in us.

May the gifts we offer this day spread the good news of life abundant in Christ. Amen.

*** SENDING HYMN # 473**

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

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Trust and Obey

ARR. GAIL SMITH

GARAGE SALE YARD SIGNS

If you can place a “garage sale” YARD sign at your home or business please sign up in the Narthex.
Signs will be in the office . Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Sunday, July 12, 2026

8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, July 13, 2026

2:00pm OSA Cooking Meeting, Kitchen & FH

5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions, EC8

6:00pm Membership & Growth Committee

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

No events scheduled

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

11:30am Staff Meeting, Office

Thursday, July 16, 2026

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, July 17, 2026

6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study, EC6

Saturday, July 18, 2026

ANNUAL GARAGE/BAKE SALE

Sunday, July 19, 2026

8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

Thank you to the family of Kay Castner for the chancel flowers in the Sanctuary.

Thank you to those who volunteered their time to deliver Meals on Wheels this past week.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.

- ♦ **Homestead Presbytery:** *Thurston John Huss*
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Thurston 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:** Newcastle
Congregational UCC (Newcastle, NE 68757)

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- ♦ Pray for the family of Kay Castner who passed on June 30. Funeral service was July 10
- ♦ Pray for John Hahn and family, as John is on hospice care.

2026 ANNUAL GARAGE & BAKE SALE

**(You may bring your items to the church
Through Tuesday, July 14th)**

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

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

ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT - August newsletter

**If you would like to highlight a special
“activity” in the August newsletter please
contact the office before July 20th.**

Newsletter articles, stories, pictures are due
July 20th for the upcoming August issue.