



# FEDERATED CHURCH

**Thursday, July 16 & Sunday, July 19, 2026**  
**Eighth 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](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                      |                                                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bob Arp, <i>President</i><br>Steve Heinisch, <i>Vice President</i> |                      |                      | Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D.<br><i>Pastor/Head of Staff</i> | Stuart Gausman<br><i>Director of Music Ministry</i>           |
| <i>Class of 2026</i>                                               | <i>Class of 2027</i> | <i>Class of 2028</i> | Brenda Sand<br><i>Christian Education Director</i>     | Lee Augustin<br><i>Pianist</i>                                |
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| 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                                             |                      |                      |                                                        |                                                               |

# Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, JULY 16 & SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

*Is There Anybody Here Who Loves My Jesus?*

ARR. TROUTMAN

*Andante in C*

MENDELSSOHN

*I Believe in Miracles*

ARR. ATWOOD

Lee Augustin, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Tim Warren, Membership & Growth

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Timothy M. Slemmons

One: Come to God, the giver of life, for the Lord knows you better than you know yourself.

**All: We come to the One who knows us completely. May God lead us in the everlasting way.**

One: The Lord's hand is upon you, to guide and teach you, and to hold you fast!

**All: We come to the One who is in all and through all. May the love of Christ Jesus shine brightly within us.**

One: Hope in the Lord, O children of God, for the Holy Spirit testifies that we are joint heirs with Christ.

**All: We hope in the Holy One, the giver of freedom, whose glory will redeem all of our sufferings.**

**\* GATHERING HYMN STF# 2236**

*Gather Us In (verses 1, 2 & 4)*

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Is not the Lord with us in ways we cannot see? Has not the Lord blessed us in ways we do not comprehend? Our knowledge and perception of God is as quickly clouded by sin as it is sharpened by trustful confession of our errors and of God's gracious goodness. Let us therefore confess together.

**All: O God, we admit we are impatient people, ever straining ahead in pursuit of fleeting rewards. Yet, at the first sign of adversity we fall back into fear. Where our eager longing for your glory should govern us, we have allowed our sins to enslave us and our doubts to entrap us. Forgive us, O God. May your Holy Spirit search our hearts, dispel every evil thought, and awaken in us the hopeful expectation of new life in your new creation.**

**\* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: We are debtors, not to flesh, but to Jesus Christ and to the Spirit of God who leads us and who testifies with us that we are children of God, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, that we may also be glorified with Christ.

**All: And the glory about to be revealed is one for which we wait with patient yet eager longing, knowing that we already have the first fruits of the Spirit, and we shall undoubtedly obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.**

One: Therefore, be at peace in the assurance of your free and glorious future, and give thanks to God.

**All: Alleluia, 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.

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

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\* HYMN STF # 2164

*Sanctuary (sung twice)*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC VIDEO

*In Christ Alone (Playback Media)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Peg Meyer, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 13 : 24 - 30, 36 - 43

Pew Bible, NT, pages 14 - 15

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – “Overwhelming the Weeds” by John van de Laaar

What a mixed bunch we are, Jesus, and what a tortoise-shell world we live in;

**Light and shadow, grace and judgement, goodness and sin, side by side in each of us;**

But our deep longing is that the life-giving, nourishing fruit we bear

**may overwhelm whatever weeds may have crept in.**

May our capacity for love and friendship be stronger than our tendency to hatred and divisiveness;

**May our search for truth and wisdom be satisfied more than our quest for denial and self-justification;**

May our desire for joy and goodness be larger than our lust for wealth and power;

**May our journey to peace and wholeness lead us away from the path of war, violence and self-destruction.**

Make us those who live Your values and purpose

**in a world that too easily chooses cursing over blessing,**

wounding over healing,

**and destruction over creativity;**

so that all creation may finally find its place

**in Your harvest of life and love. Amen.**

\* RESPONSIVE HYMN STF# 2197

*Lord of All Hopefulness*

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

Gracious God, we trust in your Son and your coming kingdom to bring home the glorious harvest of the righteous. Thus, we offer these gifts as our witness and our sure hope that, whatever adversity arises, your good seed will indeed bear good fruit, and your chosen will be glorified like the sun at the end of the age. May our gifts and our labors be joined to your redeeming work, for it is in the name of Jesus Christ that we would seek and serve for the sake of your glory. Amen.

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\* SENDING HYMN # 293

*This is My Father's World*

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The Church in the Wildwood*

BRADFORD IA, 1857

**THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH**

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

**Sunday, July 19, 2026**

8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

**Monday, July 20, 2026**

9:00am MISSOULA Try-outs, Gym

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

**Tuesday, July 21, 2026**

9:00am MISSOULA practice, Gym

2:30pm Caregiver Support Group, AD1

6:30pm Finance & Property Meeting, EC8

**Wednesday, July 22, 2026**

9:00am MISSOULA practice, Gym

**Thursday, July 23, 2026**

9:00am MISSOULA practice, Gym

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

**Friday, July 24, 2026**

6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study, EC6

**Saturday, July 25, 2026**

9:00am Fantastic 4-H Group, Chris Warren, FH

**Sunday, July 26, 2026**

8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer

♦ **Homestead Presbytery:** *Wahoo Czech*

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Wahoo Czech 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:** Norfolk First Congregational UCC (Norfolk, NE 68701)

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

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

- ♦ Pray for Pete Bennett as he is having retina attachment surgery.
- ♦ Pray for the family of John Hahn. John passed away on July 14th. The funeral will be at Federated Church at 11 am on Monday, July 20. Luncheon to follow the service.
- ♦ Pray for the family of Charlotte Griffith. Charlotte passed away on July 16. Memorial service will be in Bristol, RI.

**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.

**Volunteers** are still needed for the **diaper changing station** at the Columbus Days. Friday, August 7, Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, August 8th. The schedule and OPEN slots are posted on the office door—please sign up to help if you are able. Thank you, Membership & Growth

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