



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, July 23 & Sunday, July 26, 2026
Ninth 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*

<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

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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

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>	

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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, JULY 23 & SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
And Can It Be That I Should Gain?
Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above
Amanda Weeder, Pianist*

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shaped our dreams,

All: whose love has conquered death.

One: Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,

All: who leads us into life.

* GATHERING HYMN # 482

Praise Ye The Lord The Almighty

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Sisters and brothers,

God never forgets God's promises;

God's covenant endures in each new generation.

We are free to speak the truth about our lives because God's faithfulness embraces us as we examine our hearts.

All: God of mystery, God of life, We imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgements we trust to a love we cannot control.

* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Sisters and brothers, nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do, is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God! 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

God Bless America

IRVING BERLIN

Bob Arp, Steve Heinisch, Dave Melick, Doug Williams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Wilma Arp, Liturgist

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

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SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel according to Matthew 13 : 31 - 33, 44 - 52
One: This is the Word of God for the people of God,
All: Thanks be to God!

Pew Bible, NT, pages 14-15

SERMON

Steve Heinisch

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Based on Psalm 145, Duncan Wilson UK

You, our God, are gracious and compassionate,
long suffering and ever faithful.

**You are good to all;
your compassion rests upon all you have made.**

You keep faith
and are consistent in all you do.

**You support all who stumble
And lift up those brought low.**

All your creatures, lift their eyes to you in hope
And you provide for them according to their need.

**You open your hand
And satisfy every living creature.**

You are near to all who call to you;
You hear their cry and you protect them. Amen

* RESPONSIVE HYMN

In the Bulb There is a Flower (bulletin insert)

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

We dedicate our lives to you this day and seal that promise by way of this offering. We give out of the abundance of our hearts, that the treasure of your kingdom may be shared with many. Thank you for giving us grateful hearts and a spirit of generosity for the flourishing of your realm. Amen.

* SENDING HYMN STF # 2190

Bring Forth the Kingdom (verses 1, 2, 3)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In the Bulb There is a Flower

ARR. MENDOZA

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Sunday, July 26, 2026

8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, July 27, 2026

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

No events scheduled

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

11:30am Staff meeting, office

5:30pm Puppeteers Practice

7:00pm Eagle Review BSA, Library

Thursday, July 30, 2026

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, July 31, 2026

6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study, EC6

Saturday, August 1 2026

No events scheduled

Sunday, August 2, 2026

8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer

10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

♦ **Homestead Presbytery: Wahoo**

First Presbyterian Church of Wahoo continues to seek to strive to be the face, hand and feet of Jesus Christ in the community. Please pray for our impact this summer with our joint Vacation Bible School and the food pantry of the Wahoo ministerial alliance. We continue to seek ways to share God's love with those we encounter at all times and cherish your prayers as we do so!

♦ **UCC Living Waters Association: Omaha Countryside Community Church UCC (Omaha, NE 68114)**

Thank you to Anita Hahn and family for the beautiful Chancel Flowers they gave to Federated Church.

August 6th the office
will return to normal hours,

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday

(office will be open over the lunch hour)

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 recovering from retina attachment surgery.
- ♦ Pray for the family of John Hahn. John passed away on July 14th. The funeral was held on July 20th.
- ♦ Pray for the family of Charlotte Griffith. Charlotte passed away on July 16. Memorial service will be in Bristol, RI. Her obituary can be found at perrymcstay.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 6 & 9 - Blessing of Backpacks
August 7 & 8 - Columbus Days

Volunteers are still needed for the following:

- ♦ Liturgists
 - ♦ Café LaFed
 - ♦ Special Music
- Sign up in the Narthex

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

Thank you, Membership & Growth

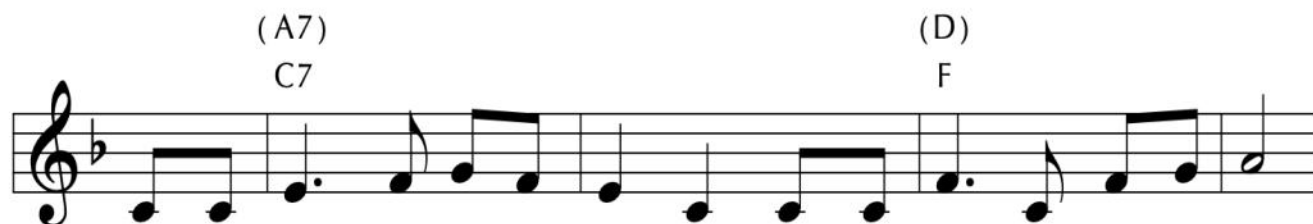
Social Concerns & Missions Committee is collecting leashes, pine sol and bleach for Paws and Claws in July, August and September. Thank you.

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

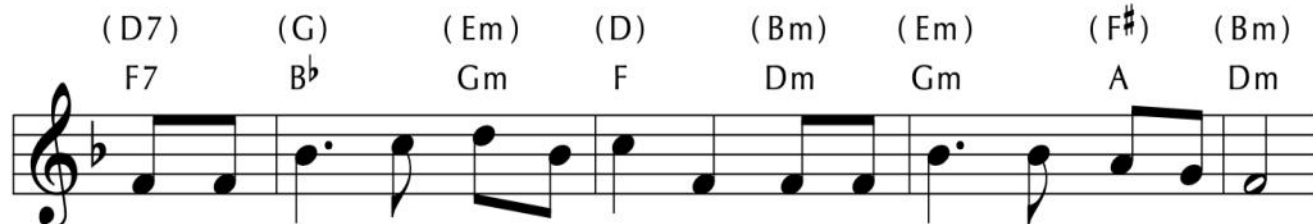
Hymn of Promise



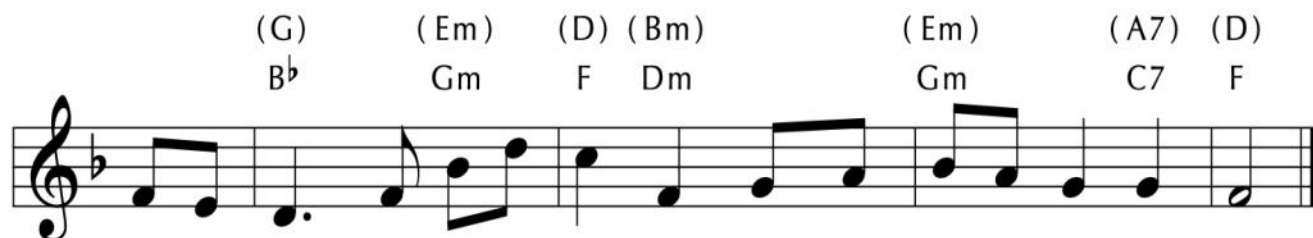
1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

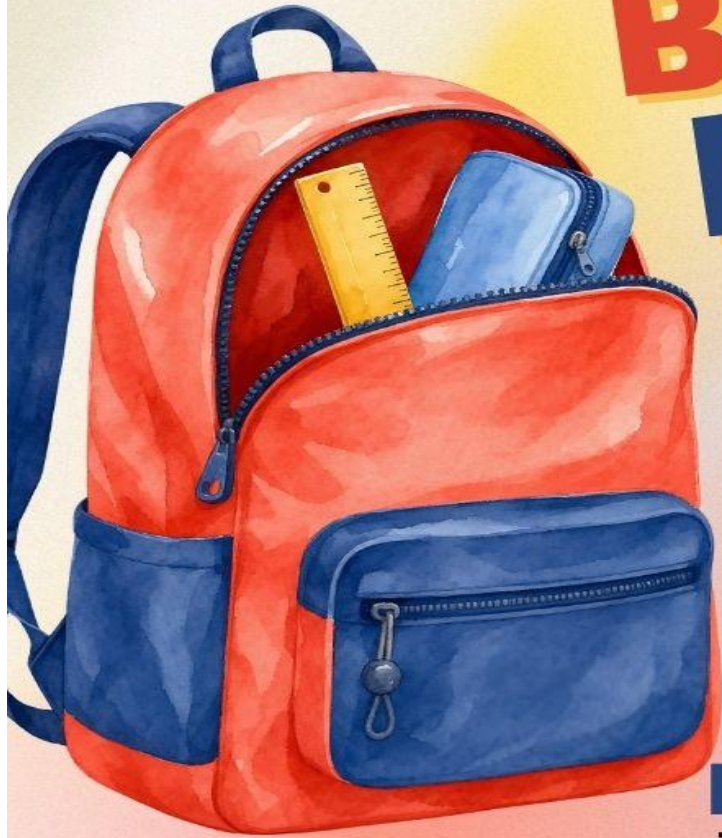


In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."
 Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.



Backpack Blessing

Sunday, August 9th @ 10 am

STUDENTS and EDUCATORS
are invited to bring their
backpack to worship for a
special back-to-school
BLESSING!

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**H.I.S.
PUPPET
MINISTRY**

**CALLING ALL
PUPPETEERS**



PERFORMANCE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026
10:00 AM WORSHIP

PRACTICE

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 PM
JULY 29, AUGUST 5, 12 & 19

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