



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, August 6 & Sunday, August 9, 2026

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

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

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

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

PRELUDE

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

ARR. HAM

Unshakable Faith Medley

ARR. HAM

Amanda Weeder, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

UCC Worship Ways

One: God moves among us.

All: We welcome your presence, Lord, no matter by what means you arrive.

One: Reach out your hand and I shall always be with you.

All: We reach for you, Jesus, and trust that you are present when we fear or ache.

One: Your presence, Oh Lord, calms the seas as it calms our hearts.

**All: May we rest assured that you are ever present with us,
calming our worries as you carry our anxieties into softness.**

One: Let us worship God.

*** GATHERING HYMN # 361**

How Firm a Foundation (verses 1 – 3)

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: God of so many names, you command us to come to you, yet we are doubtful of our abilities to make the journey. We are so uncertain of our steps, yet we long to have the faith in ourselves that you have in us. Be with us and embolden us through faith to rise as we are called to walk with you and walk alongside those who need companionship. Show us how to be children of God who can set skepticism down and take up the mantle of faithful presence.

All: God our gentle parent, bring calm to the storms that batter us and blow us off course. We do not need to walk on water; we need only walk through our lives as whole and holy children who recognize that your love unites us, buoys us, and carries us forward to face miraculous challenges in a complex world. Help us to see through the clutter of daily existence in order to focus on what is most important: love, compassion, faith, and connection.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: Even when we doubt, God is with us.

God walks beside us, through us, with us, in all that we do.

All: Miracles are among us if we see ourselves with God's loving gaze.

Thanks be to God!

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, a peace the world cannot give."

Peace of Christ be always with you

All: And also with you.

One: Please greet one another with a sign of peace

*** HYMN STF #2215**

Cares Chorus

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

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

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Katie Claus, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 14 : 22 - 33

Pew Bible, NT, page 16

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "Loving Through the Storm" by John van de Laar**

The worst storms, Jesus, are the ones caused by our fear,
when we grow afraid of losing our power,

or we grow suspicious of the power of others,**when we refuse to acknowledge your mysterious authority;**

Yet, it's in the storm that we find our capacity to love.

In releasing our weak claim to power and opening to your reign,

we discover a new way of seeing ourselves – as called and useful and beloved –**and the other, whoever they may be – as dignified and precious and beloved.**

Here in the storm, Jesus, we need you, and we need each other,

and the love you give us to share,

leads us through sacrifice and self-giving to peace and calm,**if only we will loose our hold on fear. Amen.***** Responsive Hymn # 379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

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 & THANKSGIVING**

Holy One, we thank you for revealing yourself to us in ways both big and small, in ways
miraculous and mundane. Use our gifts to further your loving justice in our communities near
and far. Amen.

*** SENDING HYMN # 404*****Precious Lord, Take My Hand****** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff

ARR. MENDOZA

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, August 9, 2026

8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15am Youth Ministry Committee

Monday, August 10, 2026

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee
6:00pm Membership & Growth Committee
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

No events scheduled

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

11:30am Staff Meeting, Office
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
6:30pm Puppeteers Practice

Thursday, August 13, 2026

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, August 14, 2026

6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study, EC6

Saturday, August 15, 2026

No events scheduled

Sunday, August 16, 2026

8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary

Upcoming Events:

August 10 - Office hours go back to regular hours;
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

- **Homestead Presbytery:** *Wayne*
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Wayne 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:** *Omaha*
Northwest Hills UCC (Omaha, NE 68134)

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- Congratulations to Lily Jelinek on her Doctor of Nurse Practitioner (DNP) degree from Nebraska Methodist College on July 31st. Lily is the granddaughter of Jan Pickrel.