



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, August 13 & Sunday, August 16, 2026

Twelfth 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
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. 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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

ARR. HAYES

Oh, How I Love Jesus

ARR. FARRELL

Lee Augustin, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Presbyterian Outlook

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us,
that God's way may be known upon earth and saving power among all nations.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

One: The earth has yielded its increase; God has blessed us.

All: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth praise the Lord.



* GATHERING HYMN # 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: The apostle Paul says that we are "imprisoned in disobedience," but that God is merciful to all. We live amid the tension of knowing that the Lord is quick to forgive and recognizing that we need to be forgiven. We also live amid the tension of knowing that, through Christ, all things are being made new and recognizing that our broken world needs to be transformed. From the discomfort of this tension, let us offer a prayer of confession.

All: Merciful God, your world cries out. The fruits of our disobedience are harming your creation. You tasked us to be good stewards of your creation and we have fallen short. You challenged us to love God and love our neighbor, and we have failed to show that love. You promise to bring all people joyfully together in a house of prayer on your holy mountain. We find ways to stay apart. Bring us together, O Lord. Empower us with a spirit of love for you and love for all our neighbors. Help us live lives of service to you so that all your children will know your peace. Forgive us when we fall short and continue to transform your world, leading us to your promised kingdom.



* MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Paul writes: "I ask, then, has God rejected his people?
By no means! For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."

All: God has shown us mercy and God will be merciful to all.

One: Hear and believe this good news:

All: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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

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*** 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Grace of God and God of Glory

ARR. WARE

Larry Mares, Saxophone; Lee Augustin, Accompanist



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Julie Graham, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45 : 1 - 15

Pew Bible, OT, page 42

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "Affirmation of Unity" by Nolan Palsma**

We share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;

have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism,

eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one Name,

are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.

Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ;

are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;

know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ

that we need one another and build up one another,

admonishing and comforting one another;

that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness.

Together we pray; together we serve God in this world. Amen.

 *** RESPONSIVE HYMN # 488** *The God of Abraham Praise*



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**

Holy God, you tell us that "offerings will be accepted on your altar, for your house shall be called a house of prayer." Thank you for all that you have given us. Continue to guide us as we dedicate these offerings and our lives to you. Amen.

 *** SENDING HYMN # 438** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*** BENEDICTION**

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THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, August 16, 2026

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

Monday, August 17, 2026

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

2:30pm Caregiver Support Group
6:30pm Finance & Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

11:30pm Staff Meeting, Office
6:30pm Puppeteers Practice

Thursday, August 20, 2026

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, August 21, 2026

6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study, EC6

Saturday, August 22, 2026

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, August 23, 2026

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

Upcoming Events:

August 29 - Remembrance Gathering for Charlotte Griffith at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

• **Homestead Presbytery:** Wymore

We continue to maintain our yoke with Steele City, including joint services and activities. We enjoy opportunities of outreach in our local community, including summer celebrations for our town and neighboring towns. Summer is always a time to watch the crops grow with the abundance of God's blessing. Pray that we rise to the task of loving our neighbors and offering the hand of Christ.

• **UCC Living Waters Association:** Pierce UCC (Pierce, NE 68767)

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.
- Congratulations to Dan & Lizzie Johnson on the birth of their son, Rhen Aerni Johnson, on August 1, 2026. Grandparents are Guy & Linda Wheatley.
- Pray for Kathy Johnson, sister-in-law to Stephanie Johnson, who will be having surgery on her ribs.

Families with grade school aged children are invited to join Membership & Growth for a Family Fun Night at Tim & Chris Warren's place at Wagner's Lake on August 28th at 5:30 pm. Parents are to attend with their children. Please RSVP to Tim or Chris or to a committee member.