



FEDERATED CHURCH

Thursday, September 3 & Sunday, September 6, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Labor Day Sunday; Hymn Sing; Birthday Recognition

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.

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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

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

PRELUDE

Andante in A Major

MENDELSSOHN

America!!

ARR. LABENSKE, HAMMERLY

Lee Augustin, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF MISSION VIDEO

Music Ministry

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

UCC Worship Ways

One: Today is a Sabbath.

All: We are called to rest.

One: This space is for Sabbath.

All: We have come here to rest.

One: For all who are lonely...

All: May we find belonging.

One: For all who are weary...

All: May we find rest.

One: For all who labor...

All: May we find renewal.

One: For all who are not afforded belonging, rest, and renewal:

All: May we embody solidarity with those longing for community, wages, and sabbaths that everyone deserves.

One: Today is a Sabbath.

All: Let us find rest, and worship together the One who provides rest from labor, loneliness, and weariness.



*** GATHERING HYMN SING**

*** BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION**



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: On this Labor Day Sunday let us lift up all people who labor, either for pay or as volunteers, in jobs or at school, at home or in the workplace, here at home and all around the world.

All: We are workers, God, just like you. But we confess that our actions do not always affirm and honor each other. Our work is not always done in a spirit that is pleasing to you. Help us to be your people, working for a world where all workers are valued. A world where those who clean houses are also able to buy houses to live in. A world where those who grow food can also afford to eat their fill. And one where those who serve and care for others – in stores, schools, hotels, restaurants, nursing homes, and many other places –are, themselves, also served and cared for. A world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us.



MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Our God is a God of grace and transformation.

When we ask, God gives us the courage and strength

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

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All: to live out our faith in the workplace and the marketplace, as well as in the sanctuary.

Amen.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: May we be people of wholeness and peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Please share God's peace with one another.

 *** HYMN STF # 2025** *As the Deer*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC

Summer Special Music Recap
Video made by Stuart Gausman



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Katie Claus, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 18 : 15 - 20

Pew Bible, NT, page 20

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "Our Labor: A Responsive Reading for Labor Day" by Amanda Udis-Kessler**

On Labor Day we honor our work, physical and mental,
paid and unpaid, joyous and heartbreaking.

**We give thanks for work's gifts, suffer its difficulties,
and strive to make labor just and joyous for all.**

Our work can build our society, provide for our material needs, and give our life meaning.

We labor in gratitude.

Our work can damage our society and the planet,
fail to sustain our material needs, and be meaningless.

We join together to create work that supports the well-being of all.

Our work can heal the world, help us understand who we are, and keep us safe.

We labor in joy.

Our work can harm the world, demean us, and expose us to danger.

We join together to create work that is safe and humane.

Our work can fill our days with accomplishments and our lives with stories.

We labor in love.

Our work can dissatisfy and alienate us;

we may not be able to find enough work or any work.

We join together to create work that blesses us, all people, and the planet.

This Labor Day and all Labor Days to come,

May our work, and all work, serve humanity and all living beings. Amen.

 *** RESPONSIVE HYMN # 514** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE



UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

God of justice, mercy, and fairness: We commit ourselves and these offerings unto you, that your will and ways may be manifested in our lives, within your assemblies, and spread forth that the powers that be might serve your purposes until all are fed, housed, cared for, work with dignity, and all of these things done in ways that preserve the sanctity of this one precious earth. Amen.



* SENDING HYMN (SEE INSERT FOR WORDS) *O God, Our Words Cannot Express*

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

ARR. HUGHES

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, September 6, 2026

8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am Saalfeld Bench Dedication

Monday, September 7, 2026

Church office closed for Labor Day
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

8:00pm Carpet Cleaning
5:30pm Girl Scouts Play Auditions, Gym

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

8:00am Carpet Cleaning
11:30am Staff Meeting, Office
6:30pm Puppeteers Practice
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 10, 2026

6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, September 11, 2026

6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study, EC6

Saturday, September 12, 2026

8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, September 13, 2026

8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer
8:45am SALT Adult Education
9:00am Children's Education Hour
10:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am Potluck

Upcoming Events:

September 7 - Office Closed for Labor Day

September 12 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

September 11 - Church Bells Ring 25x at 9:29 am

September 13 - Education Hour Kickoff with Potluck



STEP RIGHT UP ED HOUR IS BACK!

JOIN US FOR A CIRCUS-THEMED KICK-OFF EVENT
AS WE CELEBRATE THE START OF A NEW
SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR!

GAMES ~ PRIZES ~ FOOD ~ FUN

COME ONE, COME ALL AND DISCOVER THE AMAZING
WONDERS OF GOD'S LOVE!



SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

9 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL

10 AM - WORSHIP

11 AM - POTLUCK



- **Homestead Presbytery: Auburn**
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Auburn 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: Scribner**
First Congregational UCC (Scribner, NE)

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- Congratulations to Korbin Kudera and Sarina Janssen, who exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, August 29th at Clarkson New Zion Presbyterian Church.
- Pray for Laretta Dixon whose health has declined due to Parkinson's Disease.

Observe the Moments of Silence With Us [from 9/11 Memorial & Museum website]

Every year as part of the official commemoration ceremony held at the World Trade Center for victims' families, we observe six moments of silence marking the key events of 9/11. [times revised for Central]

7:46 a.m.: Hijackers deliberately crashed American Airlines Flight 11 into floors 93 through 99 of the North Tower.

8:03 a.m.: Hijackers deliberately crashed United Airlines Flight 175 into floors 77 through 85 of the South Tower.

8:37 a.m.: Hijackers deliberately crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon, near Washington, D.C.

8:59 a.m.: The South Tower collapsed.

9:03 a.m.: After learning of the other attacks, passengers on United Airlines Flight 93 launched a counterattack on hijackers aboard their plane to try to seize control of the aircraft. In response, the hijackers crashed the plane into an empty field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

9:28 a.m.: The North Tower collapsed, leaving the 16-acre World Trade Center site in ruins and collateral damage affecting all adjacent properties and streets. The rescue effort commenced immediately.

Federated Church will be ringing the church bells 25 times at 9:29 am in honor of the 25th anniversary of 9/11.

O God, Our Words Cannot Express

ST. ANNE 8.6.8.6 ("Our God, Our Help in Ages Past")

O God, our words cannot express
The pain we felt that day.
Enraged, uncertain, we confessed
Our need to bow and pray.
We grieved for all who lost their lives...
And for each injured one.
We prayed for children, husbands, wives
Whose grief had just begun.
O Lord, we're called to offer prayer
For all our leaders, too.
May they, in times of great despair,
Be wise in all they do.
We trust your mercy and your grace;
In you we will not fear!
May peace and justice now embrace!
Be with your people here!

Tune: Attributed to William Croft, 1708 ("Our God, Our Help in Ages Past")

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** I am grateful to Pastor Janice Marie E. Lowden of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Landisville, PA for her revisions of my hymn for 2011.*

Hymn Note for "O God, Our Words Cannot Express"

This hymn was written on the day of September 11, 2001, as we were watching the TV news stories of the World Trade Center Towers collapsing, the Pentagon being attacked, and the plane crashing in western Pennsylvania.