



FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, September 27, 2026

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Bibles for 3 Year Olds, 3rd Graders
& Confirmands**

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
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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
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Welcome to Worship at Federated!

Thursday, September 24 & Sunday, September 27, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost; Bibles for 3 year olds, 3rd graders & Confirmands

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

PRELUDE

Where I May Wonder

ARR. ANNA LAURA PAGE

Amazing Grace

ARR. ANNA LAURA PAGE

The Solid Rock Medley

ARR. MARILYNN HAM

Amanda Weeder, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Operation Christmas Child

Sara Kment

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Presbyterian Outlook

One: Why do you come to this place?

All: We seek the path of righteousness and truth.

One: Do you come ready to hear and learn giving attention to God's word?

All: We come with open hearts and minds seeking to learn from the one whose authority is founded on God's love.

One: Friends, lend your ears and open your hearts because this is God's house, built by love and sustained by hope, where God seeks to align our work and witness.



*** GATHERING HYMN # 306**

Fairest Lord Jesus



*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Presbyterian Outlook

One: What burdens your spirit? What regret or hurt do you carry today? Together, let us confess that which does not give us life and take up, instead, the love and grace of God.

All: Eternal God, we come before you aware that you know the truth of our hearts before we can utter a word. You know when our good intentions exceed our capacity for gospel living. You know when we embrace the good news of liberation with our lips but don't change our actions. We imprison ourselves with the assumption that you will judge us as mercilessly as we often judge ourselves and one another. Forgive our shortcomings and the times we have failed to live the words we say. Restore us in the confidence of people who have heard good news and remind us that even when we arrive late, there is still work to be done.



*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, believe this good news, in Christ we are new creations.

All: We are forgiven; we are set free; and we are made ready to live the living Word. 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

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

BIBLES FOR 3 YEAR OLDS, 3RD GRADERS & CONFIRMANDS

3 Year Old: Caroline Cook

3rd Grade: Myla Bender, Kai Norton-Taylor, Dominic Oran

Confirmands: Emma McHugh, Ellie Porter, Payton Swierczek

CHORAL ANTHEM

Built on a Rock

ALTHOUSE

Chancel Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jackie Marker, Liturgist

Scripture Reading

Gospel According to Matthew. 21 : 23 - 32

Pew Bible, NT, pages 23 - 24

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

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Edward Yang

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - From PC (USA) Brief Statement of Faith**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.



*** RESPONSIVE HYMN**

Once a Father Told His Children (bulletin insert for words and music)



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, bless these gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.



*** SENDING HYMN STF # 2223 *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love (verses 1, 2 & 4)***

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Rock of Ages

ARR. LORIE LINE

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, September 27, 2026

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

Monday, September 28, 2026

1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

5:30pm Consonaires Practice
5:30pm Girl Scouts Play Rehearsal, Gym

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

11:30am Staff Meeting, Office
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
6:00pm Youth Transformed
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 1, 2026

2:30pm The Basket Cases Craft Group
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, October 2, 2026

6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study, EC6

Saturday, October 3, 2026

9:00am Private Bridal Shower, FH

Sunday, October 4, 2026

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

• Homestead Presbytery: Cedar Bluffs

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Cedar Falls 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: West Point Trinity UMC/ UCC (West Point, NE 68788)

Upcoming Events:

October 1 & 4 - Communion; Hymn Sing; Birthday Recognition; Service of Wholeness & Healing, World Communion Day

October 8 - Deadline for turning in your pledge card

October 10 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

October 18 - Children's Sabbath, Soup Fundraiser

October 23-25 Men's Retreat, Kamp Kaleo

October 25 Fall Congregational Meeting

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- Pray for Marcine Jacobsen as she is recovering from a broken bone caused by a fall.
- Pray for Sheila Arasmith as she undergoes CAR-T therapy for her cancer treatments.
- Congratulations to Alex Mares on achieving the prestigious designation of Master Sommelier. This is the wine industry's highest and most coveted title and requires knowledge and successful passing of three examinations covering tasting, theory and service. Alex is the wine and beverage director at the Bourbon Steak Restaurant at the JW Marriott "Essex House" Hotel, located on the edge of New York City's Central Park. Alex is the son of Larry and Sue Mares.
- Pray for Peg Rupprecht who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Pray for John McClure as he recovers from surgery.

Once a Father Told His Children

D A D G D A⁷ D

1. Once a fa - ther told his chil - dren, "Go and do your dai - ly chores. Go and
 2. Once a church was filled with Chris - tians who were proud and feel - ing blessed. "God has
 3. Once a wom - an, quite the sin - ner, strug - gled deep in pain and doubt. As she
 4. God of love, you call your chil - dren; some say, "No!" and some say, "Yes!" Lord, for-

A D G D A⁷ D

work out in my vine - yard; all that's mine will soon be yours." One re - spond - ed, "I won't
 called us and we've an - swered! We have tru - ly an - swered, "Yes!" On a chill - y Sun - day
 passed that church in win - ter, there she saw that man walk out. He was home - less, worn and
 give us for our judg - ing who will be a - mong the blessed. For your king - dom is sur-

G D A⁷ D

do it!" Then he changed his mind and went. One said,
 morn - ing, when a home - less man came by, they said,
 wear - y, so she stopped her car and said, "I'm no
 pris - ing; some you call will not o - bey; those we

A D G D A⁷ D

"Yes! Just send me to it!" But he went back home a - gain.
 "Go! It's not yet storm - ing! God is love, he will sup - ply."
 saint but you look hun - gry, let's go buy some soup and bread."
 find our - selves de - spis - ing may be those who seek your way.



IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!



NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK
NOV. 16-23

PACK A SHOEBOX



Scan to Get Started



LOST AND FOUND

Explore the Parables of Jesus in Luke 15

For 7th-12th grade youth

A week's worth of fun and faith packed into an overnight retreat.

Bring a friend or bring your youth group!

Register Today!
 Registration Options for Youth Groups and for Individuals.

\$47 per camper

Register @ calvincrest.org/youth

Calvin Crest Camp and Conference Center
 2870 County Rd 13, Fremont

November 6-7, 2026

I/We thank God for the opportunity to support the ministries of this congregation.

As I/we seek to be devoted to good works and acts of charity, I/we commit to pray for the same for others in our church family.

My/our financial commitment for the upcoming year is \$ _____

Per week / month / year. (circle one)

I/we understand that I/we can adjust this estimate of giving at any time by contacting the office staff.

___ I/We would like to speak with someone about our giving plans.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - ____ Email: _____



*Hearts Open,
 Hands Ready*