

Federated Church

Thursday, October 1 & Sunday, October 4, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost; World Communion Sunday; Hymn Sing with Birthday Recognition; Service of Wholeness & Healing

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*		
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Nila Novotny	Terry Norris	Marcia Grant
Max Porter	Linda Wheatley	Antonio Garcia
	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*

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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 — *Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees* — ARR. HAYES
Jesus Is All the World to Me — ARR. HUSTAD
In Christ There Is No East or West — ARR. WOOD
Lee Augustin, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** — PC(USA) World Communion Offering

One: What does the Holy One require of us?
All: To do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with God.
One: Let us worship God.

♫ *** OPENING HYMN SING**
*** BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.
All: Loving God, through Jesus Christ you taught us, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Yet we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures, hoarding up possessions that moth and rust will destroy, clinging to power and privilege whenever we can. Set us free from greed and fear. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Teach us to trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ, our true redeemer.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: God makes peace within us.
All: Let us claim it.
One: God makes peace among us.
All: Let us share it.
One: Let us greet one another with a sign of God's peace.
All: Peace of Christ!

♫ *** HYMN # 333** — ***Seek Ye First***

CHILDREN'S SERMON — Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

SPECIAL MUSIC VIDEO — *Let Us Break Bread Together* — - TRADITIONAL
Stuart Gausman, Saxophone

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Jackie Marker, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 21 : 33 - 46 Pew Bible, NT, page 24

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

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON Edward Yang

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "Law and Love" by John van de Laar**

The law is easy, Jesus, lists to be made, items ticked as each is fulfilled;
Love is messy, people to be heard and seen,
consequences and compassion to be considered;
But we've lived too long by law – the law of the sword
taking lives to achieve our goals;
the law of the market
seeking gain without thought of the impact
the law of religion
handing out judgement in your name;
But, the poor and the weak, the diseased and the lonely,
the rejected and the sinful find no healing in our laws;
So teach us to love, Jesus, as you do,
enough to defend the helpless and overturn the tables of the powerful;
enough to sacrifice ourselves so others may live
Teach us to love, Jesus, as you do. Amen.

♫ *** RESPONSIVE HYMN # 359** ***More Love to Thee, O Christ***

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION PRAYER

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

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, for you have satisfied our souls with this feast of your grace. Keep us faithful in your service until your realm of glory comes; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SERVICE OF WHOLENESS & HEALING UCC Book of Worship

THANKSGIVING OVER OIL

INVITATION TO ANOINTING

ACT OF ANOINTING

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**

Merciful and gracious God, you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness. With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you. Bless these gifts and bless our lives that together we may share your mercy and grace for the world you dearly love. Amen.

♫ *** SENDING HYMN # 394** ***There Is a Balm in Gilead***

***** BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* - TRAD. 1934

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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

Monday, October 5, 2026
1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee
5:30pm Monthly Gathering of Preachers
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, October 6, 2026
5:30pm Consonaires Practice
5:30pm Girl Scouts Play Rehearsal, Gym
6:30pm Christian Education Committee
7:00pm Worship & Music Committee

Wednesday, October 7, 2026
11:30am Staff Meeting, Office
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
6:00pm Youth Transformed - Dinner: Sloppy Joes
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 8, 2026
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, October 9, 2026
6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study, EC6

Saturday, October 10, 2026
8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, October 11, 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
11:15am Youth Ministry Committee

Upcoming Events:

October 8 - Deadline for turning in pledge cards
October 10 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
October 18 - Children's Sabbath, Soup Supper
October 25 Fall Congregational Meeting
October 29 - Trunk-or-Treat

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- Pray for Peg Rupprecht who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Pray for John McClure as he recovers from surgery.
- Congratulations to James Specht and Christina Byrd, who exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, September 26th at Federated Church.

- **Homestead Presbytery: Clarkson New Zion** Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Clarkson 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:** *Wisner United Methodist UCC* (Wisner, NE 68791)