

Federated Church

Thursday, October 8 & Sunday, October 11, 2026

Twentieth 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*		
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 — *A Child of the King* — ARR. LOPEZ
Jesus Loves Me Medley — ARR. LOPEZ
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus — ARR. LOPEZ
Amanda Weeder, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** — Feasting on the Word

One: You have been called to the banquet.
All: This is the feast.
One: You have been summoned to the wedding.
All: This is the feast of life and light.
One: From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.
All: We have come to the banquet that has no end. Alleluia! Amen!

♫ *** OPENING HYMN # 455** — ***All Creatures of Our God and King (verses 1 - 3)***

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us come before the throne of God, the mercy seat, with all of our humanity, open to the peace of promised forgiveness.
All: You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us. Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to you.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: The God of peace, who calls all creation to live in unity, hears your plea.
All: In the spirit of feasting and thanksgiving, in the mercy of Almighty God, we are forgiven!
One: For the sake of Christ Jesus, our Savior, who died and rose from the dead to destroy the shroud of despair,
All: let us rejoice!

*** 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

CHORAL ANTHEM *Child of God* - MILLER

Chancel Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director; Amanda Weeder, Accompanist;
Bob Arp and Dana Augspurger, Soloists



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Kristen Gausman, Liturgist

Scripture Reading

Gospel According to Matthew 22 : 1 - 14 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 - "A King Planned a Party" by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette**

A king planned a party — a feast, rich and hearty. He sent invitations to all of his guests.
So what could be better than getting a letter And being invited and welcomed and blessed?
"My work needs attention," said one, "Not to mention,
My family is growing. There's so much to do."
"My farm," said another, "Is big, and - oh, brother -
I'm busy with hobbies I want to pursue."
"The wedding is ready! My guests are not worthy!"
The king told his servants when nobody came.
So go search the alleys, the hills and the valleys,
And bring in the poor and the blind and the lame."
That day there was singing and halls that were ringing
With laughter and joy in that wonderful place,
For those who attended knew how they depended
Upon the king's generous mercy and grace.
O God, you invite us! You seek to delight us. Your table is ready for those who say "Yes!"
Do we make excuses when you want to choose us To sit at your table, forgiven and blessed?
And, Lord, as you welcome us into your kingdom,
May we reach to welcome the world by your grace.
You love the outsider. Now may we reach wider
To welcome the world with your loving embrace. Amen.

♫ *** RESPONSIVE HYMN # 280** ***Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (verses 1 -4)***

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of Baptisands:
Isaac Cook
Piper & Caroline Cook (children of Isaac & Aysha Cook)
Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed
Questions to Baptisand/Parents & Congregation
Thanksgiving over the Water
Baptism
*** Welcome**
*** Sing the Faith #2051** ***I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry***

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 compassion and generous love, we give you thanks for the riches of Earth, which sustain our lives and which you have created for our joy. We thank you for Jesus, whose life, death, resurrection, and ascension renews our strength and revives our hope. We give you thanks for the Holy Spirit, who comes among us, invites us to dine with each other and with you, and keeps us in faith. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need and the work of your church. In peace, we pray our thanksgiving. Amen.

♫ *** CLOSING HYMN # 455** ***All Creatures of Our God and King (verses 4 - 6)***

***** BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy with Mozart's Symphony No. 40* ARR. HAM

October 11 - Cafe La Fed is hosted by the Nominating Committee
October 18 - Cafe La Fed is hosted by the Youth Ministry Committee

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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
11:15am Endowment Committee

Monday, October 12, 2026
5:00pm Social Concerns & Missions Committee
6:00pm Membership & Growth Committee
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, October 13, 2026
5:30pm Consonaires Practice
5:30pm Girl Scouts Play Rehearsal, Gym

Wednesday, October 14, 2026
11:30am Staff Meeting, Office
6:00pm Youth Transformed - Dinner: Tortellini Bake
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 15, 2026
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, October 16, 2026
8:30am Girl Scouts Play Rehearsal, Gym
6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study, EC6

Saturday, October 17, 2026
No Events Scheduled

Sunday, October 18 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
11:00am Soup Lunch

Operation Christmas Child boxes need to be retuned to the church office no later than November 1st. Thank you!

Upcoming Events:

October 18 - Children's Sabbath, Soup Lunch
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.

- Congratulations to Tyler & Allison Curry on the birth of their daughter, Adalyn Grace, on September 29th. Grandparents are John & Debbie Curry.
- Congratulations to Jason Augspurger and Kate Yarroll of New Zealand on the birth of their daughter, Lily Jeanette, on September 16th. Grandparents are Roland and Doris Augspurger. Great Grandma is Donna Augspurger.
- Pray for Kathy Johnson, sister-in-law to Stephanie Johnson, who is having surgery to repair two ribs on October 6th (postponed from a previous date).

- **Homestead Presbytery: Columbus Federated**
  As the Federated Church of Columbus continues to thrive, we are deeply grateful for your prayers and support. God has blessed us with many vibrant ministries, including puppet, music, online, and youth ministries, among others. Our congregation is experiencing both good health and financial stability, and our members are actively serving not only within the church but also throughout the greater Columbus community. We also give thanks for the faithful leadership of our Christian Education Director, Brenda Sand, and Pastor Edward Yang who recently celebrated 10 years of ministry with us. Please pray that our church family will continue to be a beacon of Christ's love and acceptance in these troubled times.
- **UCC Living Waters Association:** *Yutan St. Peters UCC* (Yutan, NE 68073)