

Federated Church

Thursday, October 15 & Sunday, October 18, 2026

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost; Children's Sabbath

CHILDREN WELCOME IN WORSHIP! COOS, CRIES, COMMOTION & ALL.

Children are encouraged to take part in worship in ways that are meaningful to them. Activity bags, children's bulletins, and worship notes are available in the Children's Nook in the Narthex to support their participation.

WORSHIP SERVICE RECORDING NOTICE

To help share God's message with those unable to attend in person, our worship services are live streamed and recorded each Sunday. Services are available on our church website, social media channels, and other video platforms for live viewing and future playback.

Please be aware that those attending worship, including children, may appear in video recordings or live streams. By participating in worship, you understand that your image and likeness may be visible to others online.

Thank you for being a part of our worship community.

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 — *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* — ARR. SCHRADER
When He Cometh to Gather His Children — ARR. WOOD
Jesus Loves Me — ARR. HUSTAD
Lee Augustin, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
MOMENT FOR MISSION MEMBERSHIP & GROWTH
MOMENT FOR MISSION OPERATION EDUCATION NAIROBI

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;
All: Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our Salvation!
One: Let us come into His presence with Thanksgiving.
All: Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!
One: For the Lord is a great God.
All: And a King above all gods.

♫ *** OPENING HYMN # 485** — ***To God Be the Glory***

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Open to the promise of forgiveness, let us come together before God, whose mercy is boundless.
All: Lord, we all too often fill our time with activities and entertainment that we hope will bring us joy. Instead, our time becomes filled with activities that take us away from Your joy and love. We turn our eyes away from injustice and remain silent, even though you have called us to live the mission you have set before us. Forgive us for filling our time with things that take us away from you. Forgive us for ignoring your call to teach about Jesus, to promote justice and freedom for our children, friends and neighbors.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Our Lord is Great and Merciful. He promises to forgive us. God give us not just a second chance, but a new beginning. Forgiven and freed, rejoice in what the Lord is creating in you, in me, in all creation.
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Praise be to God!

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: In Jesus Christ, we know God's forgiveness and peace. The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Let us share that peace with one another.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON — Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

CHILDREN'S BELLS — *We Are the Church* — - AVERY / MARSH

BELLS OF JOY *Rejoice and Ring Praises!* - ALLEN
Bell Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Confirmation Youth, Liturgists

Scripture Reading

Psalm 96 Pew Bible, OT, page 550 - 551

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

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON Julie Graham

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Sabbath's Coda**

Nurturers, what is our charge?

To ensure every child may flourish.

What must every child have?

Freedom to live joyfully and securely. Nourishing meals. Healthcare for body and mind.

Where shall they be kept?

In sanctuaries of safety, in spaces where harm has stopped, in the arms of the Divine.

And what is our ethic:

Love is our ethic. Love is our power. Love is our way.

What do we see in our children?

Promise and freedom

Who shall we be of them?

Prophetic witnesses. Diverse voices. Revolutionary Nurturers.

We will teach.

We will heal. We will speak truth. We will love.

We will begin again

for every child, for every family, for every future.

♫ *** RESPONSIVE HYMN # 338** ***Kum Ba Yah***

PRAYERS OF THE CHILDREN

LORD'S PRAYER

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**

Oh Lord, Bless these offerings. Go before us as we take these gifts out into a world filled with distress and calm it; out into a world filled with pain and heal it; out into a world filled with silence and speak up. May our actions be glorified. In Jesus name, Amen.

♫ *** CLOSING HYMN # 369** ***I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me***

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Jesus Loves the Little Children* - TRADITIONAL

October 18 - Cafe La Fed is hosted by the Youth Ministry Committee
October 25 - Fall Congregational Meeting

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

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 Luncheon

Monday, October 19, 2026
1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
5:00pm Personnel Committee
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, October 20, 2026
11:00am Private Mediation
2:30pm Caregivers Support Group
4:00pm CCC Sourdough Class
5:30pm Consonaires Practice
5:30pm Girl Scouts Play Rehearsal, Gym
6:30pm Finance & Property Committee

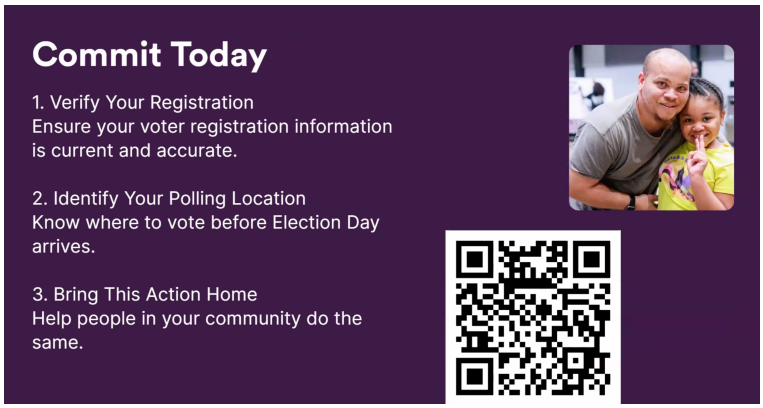
Wednesday, October 21, 2026
9:00am Circle 1, Library/Narthex
11:30am Staff Meeting, Office
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
6:00pm Youth Transformed -
Dinner: Hot Beef Sandwiches
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 22, 2026
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, October 23, 2026
6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study, EC6

Saturday, October 24, 2026
9:00am Living Waters Conference, FH

Sunday, October 25, 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 Fall Congregational Meeting



Upcoming Events:

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 had surgery to repair two ribs on October 6th (postponed from a previous date).

- **Homestead Presbytery: Craig**
  Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Craig 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:** *Albion Congregational UCC* (Albion, NE 68620)

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

Volunteers are needed on Monday, October 26 at 3:00pm to help move office furniture. The church office is getting new carpet and nothing can be on the floor. Everything from the office, coat room and southwest entry area has to be moved. Please let the office know if you are able to help. Thank you!

PROTECTING OUR FLOCK

Volunteers needed for Safety Committee
The Governing Council approved an Ad Hoc committee to study and propose policy for the general welfare and safety our congregation. We currently have 4 members, but we would like to have 2 more members. We will be reviewing and building on the current safety policies. Please contact Wayne McCormick, Chairman, if you have a passion for safety and would be interested in serving on this Ad Hoc committee.
Thank you,
Wayne McCormick
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