

Federated Church

Thursday, October 22 & Sunday, October 25, 2026

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost; Reformation Sunday; Fall Congregational Meeting

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.

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Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. *Pastor/Head of Staff*	Stuart Gausman *Director of Music Ministry*
Brenda Sand *Christian Education Director*	Lee Augustin *Pianist*
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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
My Jesus, I Love Thee ARR. HALBERG
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us ARR. HALBERG
Great Is Thy Faithfulness ARR. HALBERG
Amanda Weeder, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** United Church of Canada

One: God is our dwelling place from year to year, age to age.
And yet, we become complacent, forgetting who we are. God reforms us
All: and makes prosperous the work of our hands!
One: God's life surges forth through creation, like grass that renews every morning. And yet we prefer to be dust, swept away in the wind of every new idea and new fad. God reforms us
All: and makes prosperous the work of our hands!
One: God turns to us, and has compassion on us, so the great work of our lives manifests Christ's glorious love to the world. God reforms us
All: and makes prosperous the work of our hands!

♫ *** OPENING HYMN # 260** ***A Mighty Fortress if Our God (verses1, 2 & 4)***

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: As the Reformer John Calvin once wrote, "the knowledge of God begins with knowledge of ourselves." To know ourselves is to know our places of brokenness. And to know God is to know that in Christ, God's love stretches so deep and wide that it infiltrates every broken place in our hearts and in our world. God knows the depth of our hearts and will never turn away or turn us away. So let's offer up our lives in confession, trusting that we can be honest before God and each other without fear. Let us pray.

All: Living God, you are the One who is always on the move, always creating and re-creating, always doing a new thing. And yet, we confess, O Lord, that our lives can become static, routinely paralyzed by doubt and fear. We remain stuck in patterns of greed, covetousness, and self-interest. We doubt your promises of abundant, everlasting life and so we live in dread of our neighbors, our friends, and our enemies. Our souls remain still. We do not love as you love. Nor do we live as you would have us live, with courage, generosity or the boldness of the gospel. So in the silence of our hearts, we offer up to you those things we have done and those we have left undone.

*** MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

*** ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: Friends, the good news of the gospel is that God's love in Christ stretches so deep and so wide that it infiltrates every broken place in our hearts and in our world.
All: Our hatred is met with love, our cruelty is met with compassion,
our sins and our trespasses are met with forgiveness.
One: It is greater than anything you have ever done, or could do.
Open your hearts to let the love of God in,

All: because in Christ we are forgiven, freed, made new. 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

CHORAL ANTHEM *The Greatest Commandment* *- CHOPLIN*

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jackie Marker, Liturgist

Scripture Reading

Gospel According to Matthew 22 : 34 - 46 Pew Bible, NT, page 25

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

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON Edward Yang, Pastor

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "A Lawyer Came Near" by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette**

A lawyer came near, asking Jesus a question; he did it to test him, to find Jesus' flaws:
O Teacher, we've listened and heard what you're saying.
Now which is the greatest of all of God's laws?
With six hundred thirteen commandments to choose from, now tell us your views!
Tell us: What do you say? —
The lawyer was searching for ways to accuse him by tripping up Jesus, that long-ago day.
Yet Jesus was wise and he knew what was happening;
he knew if he said that one law mattered more,
then he'd be accused of ignoring, belittling the six hundred twelve that he chose to ignore.
So Jesus chose love: You should love the Lord dearly with all of your heart
and your soul and your mind.
And yes, there's another — to go, love your neighbor;
these two hold up all of the others, combined.
Lord Jesus, you teach us to love God and neighbor, for love adds the flavor to all that we do.
At home or away, in our leisure or labor,
there's nothing that's greater than love — it is true!
And Lord, in this world that is filled with great suffering —
may we know that love is not just some ideal;
Your practical teaching is really far-reaching;
God's love is a gift that will help the world heal. Amen.

♫ *** RESPONSIVE HYMN # 335** ***Though I May Speak***

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of Baptisand:

Malia Marie Griffith (child of Mitchell & Breanna Griffith)

Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

Questions to Parents, God-parents, Sibling & Congregation
Thanksgiving over the Water
Baptism
*** Welcome**
*** Sing the Faith #2051** ***I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry***
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
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**

Receive these gifts O God, use them to reform this community of faith as you remake the world in your image. We ask this is Jesus' name. Amen.


*** CLOSING HYMN # 359** ***More Love to Thee, O Christ***
***** BENEDICTION
FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
POSTLUDE *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior* ARR. HALBERG

October 25 - Fall Congregational Meeting
November 1 - Heritage Sunday Potluck

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

Monday, October 26, 2026
1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, AD2
4:30pm OSA Meeting
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 212 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, October 27, 2026
4:00pm Prairie Village Chapel
5:30pm Consonaires Practice
5:30pm Girl Scouts Play Rehearsal, Gym
7:00pm Governing Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 28, 2026
11:30am Staff Meeting, Office
4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Online
6:00pm Youth Transformed -
Dinner: Chicken Noodle Soup
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 29, 2026
5:30pm Trunk - or - Treat
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, October 30, 2026
6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study, EC6

Saturday, October 31, 2026
No Events Scheduled

Sunday, November 1, 2026
8:15am El Buen Pastor Bible Study & Prayer
8:45am SALT Adult Education
9:00am Children & Youth Education Hour

Upcoming Events:

October 29 - Trunk-or-Treat
November 1 - Heritage Sunday Potluck; Daylight Saving Time ends; Operation Christmas Child boxes due; Puppets performance during worship service
November 8 - Veteran's Recognition
November 19 - Cookies 'N More
November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent

- **Homestead Presbytery: Dunbar**
  Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Dunbar 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:** *Arlington Community UCC* (Arlington, NE 68002)