

Federated Church

Thursday, October 29 & Sunday, November 1, 2026

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost; Heritage Sunday; Hymn Sing; Communion; Birthday Recognition

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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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 *Historic Hymns of Hope, Joy, and Love*
Lee Augustin, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
MOMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Timothy M. Slemmons

One: Gather, O people, for the Lord is with us.
All: God makes a sure path for us through flowing waters.
One: Gather, O people, and prepare yourselves.
All: Pride is laid low, humility is exalted.
One: Gather, O people, and place your trust in the Lord.
All: God's promise of land is a sure promise where we are free to serve.

*** GATHERING HYMN SING**
*** BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION**
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holiness is not possible without confession of sin. Confession serves not to embarrass or to burden anyone with guilt. It serves only to acknowledge God's perfect goodness and to set us free to receive the gift of holiness that is given to all who sincerely humble themselves. Let us confess our sin.
All: Almighty God, we are more like the priests, the teachers, and the Pharisees about whom Jesus warned his disciples: saying one thing and doing another; seeking honor for ourselves at the expense of others; forgetting and forsaking the stewardship of humble service. Forgive us, O God. We have sinned, and we need your help to find the right way: the way of justice, kindness, and humility.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Jesus said, "All who exalt themselves will be humbled."
But he also said, "All who humble themselves will be exalted."
All: Sinners who admit their sins honestly are justified before those who merely adorn themselves with outward signs of holiness, those who remain inwardly proud, even of their humility.
One: Humble sinners, God has heard your confession. God lifts you up.
All: For in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Christ's love has no limits. It is given to all so we can be united as one in the body of Christ. May the peace of Christ be with you
All: And also with you.
One: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

*** HYMN STF # 2036** ***Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart***

CHILDREN'S SERMON Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

PUPPETS TRANSFORMED *Ha-Le-La-Le-La-Le-Lu-Juh* GROUP PUBLISHING

Directors; Anjel Garcia, Julie Graham, Val Rathje

Puppeteers; Annabelle Bender, Myla Bender, Meredith Gaeth, Emma McHugh, Hadley McHugh, Kai Norton-Taylor, Felicity Pearson, Cara Porter, Ellie Porter



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Katie Claus, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Matthew 23 : 1 - 12 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

*** LITANY FOR HERITAGE SUNDAY BY PAMELA STEWART**

You are living stones, cut from Christ, who is our Rock and Cornerstone.

We are members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. Brought together by faith with those who testified before us, we stand on their shoulders.

In Christ, the whole building is joined together.

Rising upward, you are becoming a holy temple in the Lord, a dwelling place for His Spirit.

We recognize that we have not come to God alone. We are here through the work of those who came before us. And we do not persevere alone. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, urging us onward, encouraging us to do the will of the Lord.

Remember the work of your ancestors, who faithfully taught you the commandments of God. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. And when they ask, "What do these stones mean?" tell them that they might know the hand of the Lord. For unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.

May those who follow in our footsteps be thankful for this legacy, as we thank those who came before us. May they be faithful to preserve it for all who follow them. As they stand upon the stones we set in place, may future generations say, "This our fathers and mothers did for us!"

Therefore, work together as one. Build with stones of love and faith; stones of justice and compassion; stones of hope and commitment. Stand firm on the foundation, which is your mutual faith in Christ. Keep your eyes on Him, who is both the Author and Finisher of the faith.

For we are confident in this: The One who began this good work will carry it on to completion, until the day of His return. Amen.

♫ *** RESPONSIVE HYMN # 555** ***Now Thank We All Our God***

RECOGNITION OF HERITAGE MEMBERS Membership & Growth Committee

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

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 # 438** ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds***

***** BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *God Be With You 'til We Meet Again* - 1880

November 1 - Heritage Sunday Potluck

November 8 - Cafe La Fed is hosted by the Order of St. Andrew

Sunday, November 1, 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 Heritage Sunday Potluck

Monday, November 2, 2026

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

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

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

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

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

Thursday, November 5, 2026

12:30pm The Basket Cases Craft Group
6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, November 6, 2026

4:00pm Private Wedding Rehearsal
6:00pm El Buen Pastor Bible Study, EC6

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Private Wedding

Sunday, November 8, 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

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

- Pray for Reagan Gausman who is recovering from hand surgery on October 29th.

Upcoming Events:

November 8 - Veterans Recognition
November 9 - T-shirt sales end at noon
November 19 - Cookies 'N More
November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent

- **UCC Living Waters Association:** *Blair Congregational UCC* (Blair, NE 68008)

Robert Mead	April 14,1949	77
Roberta Uhlman	March 18, 1951	75
Ronald Lambert	March 29, 1953	73
Gail Wurdeman	April 25, 1954	72
Ruth Lind	April 25, 1954	72
John Lohr	March 29, 1956	70
Karen Senften	March 29, 1956	70
Mary Norton	March 29, 1956	70
Joan Specht	March 27, 1959	67
Kathleen Orr	April 10, 1960	66
Bill Berry	March 31, 1961	65
Roger & Catherine Hare	March 31, 1961	65
Sherry Miller	October 1, 1961	65
Donna Enquist	June 30, 1963	63
Kathryn Senior	November 10, 1963	63
Mary Sharpe	October 4, 1964	62
Chris & Lauretta Dixon	April 11, 1965	61
Deanna Scheidegger	April 11, 1965	61
Georgia Behlen	October 1, 1967	59
Charlotte Lambert	January 7, 1968	58
Ervin & Karen Paben	February 1, 1969	57
Louise Moran	May 25, 1969	57
Brenda Berry	May 17, 1970	56

David Marsh	October 18, 1970	56
Cindy Hoadley	May 16, 1971	55
Kevin Meyer	May 16, 1971	55
Mark Hegi	June 11, 1972	54
Harold & Rogalyn Stevens	April 11, 1974	52
Anita Hahn	June 12, 1974	52
Betty Hledik	June 12, 1974	52
Fred & Renee Bellum	September 15, 1974	52
John McPhail	September 15, 1974	52
Nell Burnham	October 13, 1974	52
Donna Augspurger	December 8, 1974	52
Dana Augspurger	December 8, 1974	52
Terry & Andree Hoeman	March 27, 1975	51
Roland Augspurger	April 27, 1975	51
Denise Hughes	April 27, 1975	51
Cyndi Jarecke	April 27, 1975	51
Lee Augustin	October 15, 1975	51
Diana Barbaglia	October 15, 1975	51
Gary Sedlacek	December 21, 1975	51
Clark Grant	April 15, 1976	50
Gene Hahn	April 15, 1976	50
Mark Lambert	April 15, 1976	50