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Gathered at The Family Life Center, 16349 Chillicothe Road  
Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023

Ministers to the World: All the Congregation

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**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10 am**

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**Theme: Making Spirit Songs in These Times**

**Prelude**      *Träumerei (Dreaming)* from *Scenes from Childhood*, Op.15 (R. Shumann)  
Joshua Konow, piano

**Welcome and Announcements**      Rev. Susi Kawolics

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**Introit**      *Come Build a Church* (K. Medema)      Fed Four: Bruce Gigax, Carl Jenks,  
Beth Rutkowski, Elizabeth Spencer

**\* Call to Worship**

One: Holy God, you have created each one of us to sing our own unique life-song.

**All: We praise you for our harmonious diversity.**

One: We gather to sing our hearts-songs to you no matter the theme or tune.

**All: We praise you for hearing our wailing laments, and our joy-filled hymns.**

One: Open our hearts to worship you in the fullness of who you are -

**All: from the fullness of who we are.**

One: In praise of Christ, who loves, accepts, and welcomes us just as we are,  
let us offer one another Christ's peace.

**\* Passing of Christ's Peace**

**\* Hymn**      *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*      No. 90

**Scripture**      Psalm 34

**Responsive reading**      Based on Proverbs 9:1-6 and John 6:51-58

One: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,  
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

**All: Jesus said: I am the living bread that came down from Heaven.**

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\* Those who are able stand      \*\*\*\* Worshipers may be seated

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One: Wisdom said: I have built my house, I have cut the meat, I have mixed the wine,  
I have set the table.

**All: If anyone eats of this bread, says Jesus, they will live forever.**

One: Come, eat of my bread, says Wisdom, and drink of the wine I have mixed.

**All: And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.**

One: For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life.

**All: Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.**

One: Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.

**All: Let us gather this day in the Way of Wisdom  
and seek to nourish one another at the feast of Jesus.**

### Prayers of the People / Fellowship of Prayer

\* Hymn

*Sing Hallelujah*

No. 32

### Invitation to Offering Our Lives and Resources

Anthem

*Ubi Caritas* (O. Gjeilo)

Fed Four

**U**BI caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

**W**HERE charity and love are, God is there.  
Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in God.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

\* Hymn of Dedication *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 47

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God, above, ye heavenly hosts:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

\* 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 sins, as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Scripture

Ephesians 5:15-20

**Sermon**

Rev. Malcolm Himschoot

\* **Hymn**

*Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?*

No. 486

\* **Benediction**

*~ Departing to Service ~*

### **Today's Guest Preacher: Malcolm Himschoot**

Malcolm lives in Cleveland and serves the United Church of Christ as the denomination's Minister for Ministerial Transitions. He studied urban ministry at the Iliff School of Theology, graduating with an MDiv in 2004. He was ordained in the United Church of Christ while serving the ecumenical Denver Inner City Parish, and went on to serve churches in Minnesota and Colorado.

A widely-known transgender man and educator, his early story was made into a UCC documentary, *Call Me Malcolm*. Himschoot was the 2011 recipient of the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries' Social Prophet Award.

His volunteer work has included community organizing for responsible development, immigration reform, criminal sentencing reform, and Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ-Northeast Ohio). His 2017 article, "Practices of Spirit for Genderqueer and Transgender Christians" was published in *Vol. 9 of Sacred Spaces: The E-Journal of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors*.

