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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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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 am

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**Theme: Love of God**

**Prelude** *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* (arr. J. Wilson) Marcia Snavely, piano

**Welcome, Announcements and Fellowship of Prayer** Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

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**Introit** *I Wish God's Love to Be with You* (Chinese folk melody, arr. L.S. Hong) Combined Choirs

\* **Call to Worship** Mary Senechal, Worship Leader

One: O God, in love you created us all,

**All: Help us to love you with all our heart.**

One: O God, you long for communion with us,

**All: Help us to love you with all our soul.**

One: O God, you sustain us with all we need to love and serve you,

**All: Help us to love you with all our strength.**

One: As our children leave for Sunday School, let us offer one another Christ's peace.

\* **Passing of the Peace**

(During passing of the peace, young children leave for Sunday School in the Art Room;  
grades 6-8 leave for the Hearth Room.)

\* **Hymn** *All Creatures of Our God and King* No. 22

**Scripture** Psalm 116:1-14

**Faith Witness and Prayers of the People** Mary Senechal

\* **Hymn** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* (Vs 1-4, English only) No. 342

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

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**Invitation to Offering Our Lives and Resources**

**Anthem**

*True Light* (K. Hampton)

Combined Choirs

\* **Hymn of Dedication**

*Halle-Halle-Halleluja* (2x)

No. 41

Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja.  
Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - lu - ja.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: G, D, G, C, Am, D. The lyrics are 'Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja.' The second staff continues the melody with chords G, B7, Em, Am, D7, G, C, G, D. The lyrics are 'Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - lu - ja.'

\* **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**

James 3:1-12

**Sermon**

Rev. Throckmorton

\* **Hymn**

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

No. 530

\* **Benediction**

*~ Departing to Service ~*

## PHOENIX AFFIRMATIONS:

### CHRISTIAN LOVE OF GOD INCLUDES:

1. Walking fully in the Path of Jesus without denying the legitimacy of other paths that God may provide for humanity.
2. Listening for God's Word, which comes through daily prayer and [meditation](#), studying the ancient testimonies which we call [Scripture](#), and attending to God's present activity in the world.
3. Celebrating the God whose Spirit pervades and whose glory is reflected in all of God's Creation, including the earth and its [ecosystems](#), the sacred and secular, the Christian and non-Christian, the human and non-human.
4. Expressing our love in worship that is as sincere, vibrant, and artful as it is scriptural.