

February 12, 2023



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"Impossibly High Moral Standards?"

Matthew 5:21-37

Gathered at Federated Church: 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

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Seventh Sunday of Epiphany

10 AM

Chimes indicate the service is starting, and silence is appreciated to prepare for worship.

Prelude *Prelude and Fugue in G Major, Op. 37, No. 2: Fugue* (Felix Mendelssohn)
Patrick Wickliffe, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

Introit *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* (Patsy Ford Blevins) The Federated Choir
Patrick Wickliffe, piano

* **Call to Worship** (*responsive, from 1 John 4*) Rose Brown
One: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone
who loves is born of God and knows God.

All: Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

One: God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent God's only Child into the
world so that we might live through that Child. Beloved, since God loved us so
much, we also ought to love one another.

All: God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

* **Passing of Christ's Peace**
(Children from grades K-8 leave for Sunday School)

* **Hymn** *Rejoice, You Pure in Heart* No. 15

Opening Prayer (*unison*) Rose Brown

**God of everything and everyone,
we praise you for the perfectly imperfect ways we are,
but we long to grow, we long to evolve.
Help us to imagine the world you want for us,
and teach us to live as one body, one body in Christ.
Show us what true community and kinship look like
and grant us the tools to stand up to injustice through love.**

* Those who are able stand

**** Worshipers may be seated

Show us what healthy lives in the spirit look like
and give us the desire to always trust in you. Amen.

Generosity Impact Moment

Rev. Betsy Wooster

Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Wooster

Anthem

If Ye Love Me (Phillip Stopford)

The Federated Choir

*** Doxology**

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. Amen.**

• 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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Rev. Wooster

*** Hymn**

When Love Is Found

No. 499

Scripture

Matthew 5:21-37

Rev. Throckmorton

Sermon

Rev. Throckmorton

Reception of New Members

Rev. Throckmorton and Rev. Wooster

Leader: Our sisters and brothers, God's promises to you are plain. God has made them plain in Christ. God loves you unconditionally.

New Members: Gladly I commit myself to God and to the life and mission of Federated Church. I will take for my own life the words of Christ: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and your neighbor as yourself."



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Leader: Behind you and around you are God's people, a family which is God's gift to you. In the presence of God and these friends, do you give yourself unreservedly to God's service, and take this to be your family of faith?

New Members: Yes, I do! I promise to walk with them in faithfulness and Christian love. And I promise that, so far as able, I will attend the services of this church, celebrate its sacraments, become an informed, mature Christian, and be generous in all my giving.

Leader: Beyond these walls awaits a community hungry for hope, a world starving for bread and justice and peace.

New Members: I believe God is in the process of saving the world. I will join God outside these walls, offering Christ's healing and hope to change the world.

Leader: Members of the church, what do you say?

***Members: Dear friends, we stand beside you today. We believe with you. We share your doubts. We choose to live the way of Jesus with you. We ask that the Holy Spirit may touch us, disturb us, heal us, enliven us, send us and create such joy among us that the world may say, "Behold how they love one another!"**

*** Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Dedication**

Amanda Osman-Balzell
Bryan Balzell

Nancy King
Ron Schuller

Bill Wright
Karen Wright

*Welcome back to Rev. Brian Bagley-Bonner and Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner

Introductions and Welcome

*** Hymn** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 622

*** Benediction** Rev. Throckmorton

Postlude *Toccata* (Percy E. Fletcher) Patrick Wickliffe, organ

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, February 19th, 10 AM
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
"Do Not Be Afraid"
Matthew 17:1-9