

March 19, 2023



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"Turning to God in Our Unseeing"

John 9:1-41

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

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

10 AM

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

Prelude *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* (A. Zabel) Marcia Snavely, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

Introit *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* (arr. by Mark Patterson)
Federated Children's Choir;
Marcia Snavely, piano
Morgan Graves & Rosie Horvath, descant

* **Call to Worship** (*responsive*) Rev. Susi Kawolics

One: Come, now is the time to worship!

All: Now is the time to give our hearts!

One: Come just as you are to worship.

All: Just as we are before our God.

One: Come, now is the time to change our hearts.

All: Now is the time to turn back to our God.

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

* **Hymn** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* No. 73

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) Rev. Kawolics

Dear Jesus,

we confess that we fail to question our own sightlessness.

Being so sure that we "see," we miss the truths you would teach us.

With the balm of your love, cure our blindness.

Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings, our own failures, and our own faults. Make our "shadow side" known to us, and help us to diminish it with the light of your grace. For it is only when we see ourselves clearly that we can worship you truly.

* Those who are able stand

**** Worshipers may be seated

Sung Response*Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us (2x)*

No. 300

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.****Lord, have mercy upon us.****Words of Assurance**

Rev. Kawolics

Though we may struggle to perceive, God opens the eyes of our hearts,
revealing to us the strength we have in the power of God's love – a love that can
heal and save, a love that never ends.

Commissioning of Lay Leaders

Rev. Throckmorton

Generosity Impact Moment

Rev. Throckmorton

Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Throckmorton

Anthem*May the Words of My Mouth* (by J.M. Martin & Brad Nix)

Federated Children's Choir;
Marcia Snavelly, piano

*** Doxology (TALLIS' CANON)**

No. 48

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God triune, whom we adore.**

*** 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. Kawolics



This Sanctuary is equipped with a **Hearing Loop system** that works with all **Telecoil-equipped hearing aids** to amplify sound with excellent clarity.

* Hymn	<i>O Christ, the Healer</i>	No. 503
Scripture	John 9:1-41	Rev. Throckmorton
Sermon		Rev. Throckmorton
* Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace!</i>	No. 546
* Benediction		Rev. Throckmorton
Postlude	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i> (M. Limbaugh) Marcia Snavelly, organ	

~ Departing to Service ~

Children's Choir Director: Pat Haynish

Sign Language Advisor: Kathy Ohlrich

Choir members:

Macy Antil, Leona Bright, Kendall Cunington, Abby Godenschwager, Madi Graves,
Morgan Graves, Charlotte Grube, Hannah Grube, Rosie Horvath, Etta Joseph,
Penny Joseph, Stella Liberati, Kian Rickert, Willow Rickert, Lizzie Wingfield



UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 26th, 10 AM

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Rev. Betsy Wooster preaches

"Turning to God in Our Lethargy and Despair"

Ezekiel 37:1-14