

February 2, 2025



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Luke 8:26-39
Pastor Vicki McGaw

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

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10 AM

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

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision* (E. Whitsett) Marcia Snavely, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Vicki McGaw

Introit *A Home Within Our Heart* (Jill Gallina) Federated Choir;
Marcia Snavely, piano

* **Call to Worship** (responsive) Marty Culbertson
One: God calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves; the one who is weak and the one who is strong, the one who is happy and the one who is sad, the one who is like us and the one who is different.

All: The one who is enjoying mental wellness and the one who is struggling with mental illness, the one whom we understand and the one we don't, the one who is embraced and the one who is shunned.

One: Come, let us worship together!

All: We come, trusting God's abundant love!

* **Hymn** *Morning Has Broken* No. 53

Message for the Young at Heart Pastor McGaw

* **Passing of Christ's Peace**
(Children K-5 leave for Sunday School)

* **Hymn** *Jesus, the Light of the World* [words on screen]

* **Litany of Naming** Pastor McGaw
One: As a faith community, we name the gifts and the often-unnamed experiences which come to those who live with mental illness

All: As a congregation we are glad to lift up our voices and our spirits to break the silence that often happens when we are confronted with mental illness.

* Those who are able stand

One: We name the hope which lifts our spirits when we are able to share our experience honestly, and the pain we feel when people turn away in fear.

All: We name the courage to speak out in a safe place the way that Jesus spoke truth with love and the strength we draw when we are with others who listen compassionately.

One: We note the isolation that comes when no one knows what to say and the exhaustion that comes from living with mental illness. We celebrate the wisdom that comes when we become educated about mental health and the welcome we offer to those who seek acceptance and love in this place.

All: We receive these gifts that we have named, those which are welcomed and those that are challenges. We gather here, knowing we are not alone and that God will show us a way to be and live. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

* **Words of Assurance** Pastor McGaw

One: Beloveds: love never ends. You reflect the goodness, creative work, and imagination of God. The Holy One knows you well and calls you good.

All: We receive the grace of God to live a life that ever transforms and renews through the power of God's abiding, constant, and tangible love. Thanks be to God.

Generosity Impact Moment Marty Culbertson

Invitation to Generosity Marty Culbertson

Anthem *Out of My Sorrow* (Paul Slojund) Federated Church;
Marcia Snavelly, piano

* **Doxology** *Glory to God* No. 34

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

* **Prayer of Dedication** Pastor McGaw

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer Marty Culbertson



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

* **Hymn** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* No. 665

Scripture *Luke 8:26-39* Pastor McGaw

Sermon Pastor McGaw

Sacrament of Holy Communion Pastor McGaw

Communion Music *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* (Williams/Smith)
(In the setting of Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata*)
O Love That Will Not Let Me Go (Peace/Phillips)
Marcia Snavelly, piano

Communion Prayer (unison) Pastor McGaw
God of brilliant light, God of abundant giving, God of child-like hope, having been filled at your table, may we go forth as beacons of hope, shining our light into the dark and shadowy corners of the world. Amen.

* **Hymn** *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* No. 638

* **Benediction** Pastor McGaw

Postlude *Azmon* (B. Harbach) Marcia Snavelly, organ

~ **Departing to Service** ~



UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, February 9th, 10 AM
Rev. Betsy Wooster preaches

If you do not wish to take it home, please recycle your bulletin in the recycling bin in the narthex on your way out.