

February 23, 2025



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Luke 6:27-38
Pastor Vicki McGaw

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

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Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

10 AM

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

Prelude *The Ash Grove* (W. Held) Marcia Snavely, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Vicki McGaw

Introit *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* (Kevin McChesney) Federated Bell Choir

* **Call to Worship** (responsive) Steve Downey

One: Jesus teaches us, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." But who are the others?

All: Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.

One: Jesus teaches us, "Be merciful as God is merciful." But what is mercy?

All: To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.

One: Jesus teaches us, "Forgive, and you will be forgiven." But how do we forgive?

All: By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as people in need of compassion.

One: Come, let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion.

* **Hymn** *Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race* No. 485

Message for the Young at Heart Pastor McGaw

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

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

* **Call to Confession** Rev. Betsy Wooster

* Those who are able stand

- * **Prayer of Confession** Rev. Wooster
One: Holy God, we are conditioned to respond in kind. We are so worried that when the reckoning comes, we will find ourselves left with the short end of the stick. And not without reason. The powerful take and take and lie and lie and oppress and oppress, seemingly without consequence.
All: Teach us to love with skill, with precision and with abandon, trusting that when we step into the ocean of your abundant love, we will receive the blessings of your abundant life. Amen.

- * **Words of Assurance** Rev. Wooster
One: The Holy One, Love Almighty, interrupts our missteps and misdeeds, our distractions and our detours. In Christ Jesus, God has shown us what forgiving love has already done and continues to do. It heals, it mends and makes a new chapter possible. This is the forgiving power of God that embraces all of us, here and now.
All: This is the good news! Thanks be to God!

Generosity Impact Moment Steve Downey

Invitation to Generosity Steve Downey

Anthem *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Ways* (Sandra Eithun) Federated Bell Choir

- * **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** Steve Downey

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer Rev. Wooster
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.



* Hymn	<i>You Are Salt for the Earth, O People</i>	[words on screen]
Scripture	<i>Luke 6:27-38</i>	Pastor McGaw
Sermon		Pastor McGaw
* Hymn	<i>My Life Flows On</i>	No. 619
* Benediction		Pastor McGaw
Postlude	<i>How Great Thou Art (W. Held)</i>	Marcia Snavelly, organ

~ Departing to Service~

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 2nd, 10 AM
Rev. Betsy Wooster preaches
Mardi Gras