

May 4, 2025



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1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Rev. Betsy Wooster

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

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Confirmation Sunday

10 AM

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

Prelude *Sing a New Song* (D. Wagner) Marcia Snavelly, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Betsy Wooster

Introit *Sing a New Song* (Mary Lynn Lighfoot) Federated Choir; Marcia Snavelly, piano

* **Call to Worship** (*responsive*) Beckett Buescher

One: Come, people of God, to the one in whom we trust.

All: This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it!

One: We want our lives to sound in harmony with God's song of love.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Praise God for loving care and answered prayer.

All: Come among us, holy God, as we lift up your love and praise your name in this time of worship.

* **Passing of Christ's Peace** Grady Arnold

* **Hymn** *Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us* No. 231

* **Opening Prayer** Noah Goodman

God of love, in whose name we have been consecrated for discipleship and service, encounter us in this hour, that we may grow in knowledge and actions. Disturb our certainties so we will be open to new insights. Upset our priorities to make room for faith, hope, and love. Expand our horizons to encompass ideas we have not entertained before. Open our hearts to people we have failed to welcome into our midst. Perfect among us that childlike trust that allows change to transform us in the presence of your love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity Will McMullen

* Those who are able stand

Anthem *I Have Felt the Hand of God* (Craig Courtney) Federated Choir;
Marcia Snavelly, piano

* **Doxology** *Halle-Halle-Halleluja* No. 41
Halle, Halle, Halleluja (x3)
Halleluja, Halleluja

* **Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Wooster

Fellowship of Prayer and Lord's Prayer Pastor Vicki McGaw

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** *Take My Life* No. 609

Scripture *1 Corinthians 13:1-13* Logan Grube

Sermon Rev. Wooster

Holy Communion Rev. Wooster, Pastor McGaw

Communion Music *He Never Said a Mumblin' Word* (Spiritual, arr. C. Thomas)

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child (Spiritual, arr. C. Thomas)

Marcia Snavelly, piano

Rite of Confirmation Rev. Wooster, Pastor McGaw,
Zach LeFeber, Rev. Harkins Goodman

Confirmation Class 2025

Grady Arnold, Beckett Buescher, Abigail Goodman, Noah Goodman, Morgan Graves, Logan Grube, Stella Grunden, Molly Gurd, Anna Hively, Brooke Lawrence, Zoe LeFeber, Casey McMullen, Will McMullen, Phoebe Mignogna, Cortland Miller, Avery Polack, Molly Wheatley, Lena Wright



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Opening Words

Rev. Wooster

Introduction to The Rite of Confirmation

Zach LeFeber

Invitation to Covenant

Rev. Harkins Goodman

Questions to the Confirmands

Act of Confirmation, Laying on of Hands, and Presentation of Gifts

Words of Welcome and Declaration

Rev. Wooster: *By your baptism and confirmation, you are made one with us in the Body of Christ, the Church. We rejoice with you in your journey of faith to this time and place, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith. Let us, the members of Federated Church express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.*

ALL: We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Pastor McGaw: *In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Federated Church, we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this congregation. We hope you find comfort and meaning in the gifts you have received in honor of your Confirmation.*

- * **Hymn** *Rise Up, O Saints of God!* No. 611
- * **Commissioning and Benediction** Rev. Wooster

Postlude *Trumpeting* (D. Wood) Marcia Snavelly, organ

~ Departing to Service ~

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, May 11, 10 AM

Mother's Day/ Youth Sunday

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