

June 1, 2025



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Acts 1:1-11; Luke 23:44-53

Pastor Vicki McGaw

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Chagrin Falls, OH 44022**

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

10 AM

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

Prelude *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling with Bach's "Wie will ich mich freuen"*
(arr. S. Wallace) Marcia Snavely, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Vicki McGaw

Introit *All Good Gifts from Godspell* (S. Schwartz, arr. R. Walters) Federated Choir;
Marcia Snavely, piano

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

One: As we worship together, O God, may we live together.

All: As we live together, O God, may we witness together.

One: As we witness together, O God, may we journey together.

All: As we journey together, O God, may we meet together.

One: As we meet together, O God, may we worship together.

All: And may our worship be in you, O God, as you are in us.

* **Hymn** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* No. 91

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession Rev. McGaw

One: Holy God, we confess that we have our eyes set in the clouds instead of on the earth you have given us. We desire heavenly treasure, but we keep believing that earthly means will help us attain it.

All: Forgive us our short-sightedness. Draw us away from the temptations to seek worldly power and measures of success, and call us instead to the down-to-earth message of your love.

One: You have called us to care for the widows and orphans among us. Help us to see all those who are left out by society and all those in need.

All: Help us to break down the walls that divide us so that we may truly be one as you and Christ are one.

Words of Assurance

Pastor McGaw

One: Although we have not stood on the mountaintop to see his ascension to God, still we believe in the love and power of Christ who taught us how to be faithful and joyful disciples.

All: And so we rejoice and believe in the One who came that we may have abundant life. Thanks be to God!

Anthem

God of Heaven (Heather Sorenson)

Federated Choir;
Marcia Snavelly, piano

Message to the Young at Heart

Pastor McGaw

* Passing of Christ's Peace

* Hymn

Ancient Words (Michael W. Smith)

[words on screen]

Scripture

Acts 1:1-11, Luke 24:44-53

Rev. Kawolics

Contemporary Interpretation

And Still I Rise

Maya Angelou, video
Kathleen Sheets , images

Sermon

Pastor McGaw

* Hymn of Response

O Christ, When You Ascended

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Fellowship of Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Kawolics

Invitation to Generosity

Pastor McGaw

Invitation to the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor McGaw

Prayer of Preparation

Rev. Kawolics

One: Source and Sustainer of life, present and active from the beginning of time, we gather in your presence and give you glory.

All: It is right that we give thanks and praise, and tell our stories of



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celebration and connectedness.

One: Here we remember the words and deeds of the one called Jesus of Nazareth, who dared to call you Abba and invited us to do the same.

All: We remember that wherever he came, people rediscovered their humanity, became filled with new meaning and purpose, and found a new courage to live, not just for themselves but for others.

One: We remember how he spoke of a new reality he called the realm of God, already among us yet coming in ever greater fullness, creating communities of justice, love and peace.

All: We remember how he was raised up in a cloud but before he departed, promised to send the Holy Spirit and called on us to continue his ministry of love.

Words of Institution

Pastor McGaw and Rev. Kawolics

Prayer of Consecration

Pastor McGaw

Sharing the Elements

Pastor McGaw

Communion Music

How Beautiful (Arr J. Carter)

Marcia Snavelly, organ

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Kawolics

* **Closing Hymn**

Ours the Journey

No. 458

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

Pastor McGaw

Postlude

Paean (D. Wood)

Marcia Snavelly, organ

~ Departing to Service ~

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UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, June 8, 10 AM

Pastor Vicki McGaw preaches

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