

June 22, 2025



federated

live your faith

What's It All About?

Galatians 3:23-29

Rev. Dr. Elena Larssen

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

Also streaming live at YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch



June 22, 2025

Second Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM

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

Prelude *Freedom* (Jesus Culture) RISE to Shine Band

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Vicki McGaw

Introit *Draw Me Close* (Michael W. Smith) RISE to Shine Band

* **Call to Worship** (*responsive*) Pastor McGaw

One: Break down the barriers that divide us, O Lord.

All: Tear down the walls of hostility and fear.

One: Melt the barbed wire of anger and hatred.

All: Breathe new life into your people, O God.

One: For we are called to newness in Christ Jesus.

All: We are all brothers and sisters through God's love.

One: Come, let us worship the God who removes obstacles from our paths.

All: Let us praise God who seeks to unite us in peace. Amen.

* **Hymn** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* No. 86

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession Pastor McGaw

One: Merciful and loving God, we give thanks for this faith community and for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey. But we also confess that we fail to love as you love.

All: We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your kingdom because we fail to see your kingdom in each other.

One: Form in us a new vision of community, one in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North.

All: We pray in the name of your kingdom that both is and is yet to come. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Pastor McGaw

One: Beloved, the grace of God meets us even when we question where God is.
God is near us, with us, behind us, and before us. Sometimes, the answers we seek come slowly in silence. Sometimes, God charges us to become the solution we need for one another.

**All: Whatever and however God replies to our cries, we can be assured that God's peace, justice, and righteousness are central to the response.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Message to the Young at Heart

Pastor McGaw

* Passing of Christ's Peace

* Hymn *Spirit of the Living God* No. 259

Scripture *Galatians 3:23-29* Pastor McGaw

Sermon *What's It All About?* Rev. Dr. Elena Larssen

* Hymn *Many are the Lightbeams* No. 492

Fellowship of Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor 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.

Invitation to Generosity

Pastor McGaw

Anthem *The Truth* (Megan Woods) RISE to Shine Band

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**



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

Prayer of Dedication

Pastor McGaw

- * **Hymn** *In Christ There Is No East or West* No. 687
- * **Commissioning and Benediction** Rev. Dr. Elena Larssen
- Postlude** *Sing Wherever I Go* (We the Kingdom) RISE to Shine Band

~ *Departing to Service* ~

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, June 29, 10 AM
Pride Sunday
Pastor Vicki McGaw 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.