

June 29, 2025



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Pride Sunday  
Acts 15:5-13  
Pastor Vicki McGaw

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

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Third Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM

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

**Prelude**                      *Prelude on an Old Shaker Tune* (E. Butler)                      Marcia Snavelly, organ

**Welcome and Announcements**                      Pastor Vicki McGaw

**Introit**                      *On Eagle's Wings* (M. Joncas)                      Lindsay Elmore, soprano; Marcia Snavelly, piano

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

One: We come today, representing all the majesty of creation:

**All: Diverse and beautiful, blessed and beloved, all made in the image of the Creator.**

One: We come today, called to this time and place by an infinite God . . .

**All: Who hears our cries and responds in love and mercy.**

One: We come today, knowing that God loves us beyond measure . . .

**All: Knowing that even when others reject us, God offers comfort and grace. We come to celebrate, declaring the sanctity of life and dignity of all.**

**Lighting the Red Candle**                      Marty Culbertson and Martine Scheuermann

\* **Hymn**                      *You Are Welcome Here*                      [words on screen]

**Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession**                      Pastor McGaw

One: God of mercy, as we acknowledge the diversity in our world, created in atoms but with an underlying spirit of mystery, we admit that at times we have forgotten the wonders of that diversity.

**All: We long for things to be familiar, as they have always been.**

One: We know that the great religious traditions have caused harm in the past and continue to do so today, causing pain for those who express themselves in ways different from the majority.

**All: We admit that we have rejected and shunned those who are not like us, both intentionally and unintentionally. Forgive us and offer us patience as we learn and strive for ways to be more inclusive and to celebrate all your children in this wondrous creation. Amen.**

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\* Those who are able stand

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## Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor McGaw

One: The One who breathed life into our lungs continues to be present with us. God, who made us in God's own image, has forgiven us all and made us new creations. Therefore let us go forth with love and peace, honoring and upholding the dignity of all whom we meet, knowing we see reflections of God's image in everyone around us.

**All: 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

## Lighting the Orange Candle

Marty Culbertson and Martine Scheuermann

## Scripture

*Acts 15:5-13*

Pastor McGaw

## Lighting the Yellow Candle

Marty Culbertson and Martine Scheuermann

### \* Hymn

*For Everyone Born, v.1* (Shirley Erena Murray)

[words on screen]

## Sermon

Ava Rose and Kelly Downey

### \* Hymn

*For Everyone Born, v.5-6* (Shirley Erena Murray)

[words on screen]

## 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.**

## Lighting the Purple Candle

Marty Culbertson and Martine Scheuermann

## Generosity Impact Moment

Joe Rose



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

## Invitation to Generosity

Joe Rose

### Anthem

*You are Lord* (Pepper Choplin)

Lindsay Elmore, soprano;  
Marcia Snively, piano

### 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.**

### Prayer of Dedication

Pastor McGaw

### \* Hymn

*Ours the Journey*

No. 458

### \* Commissioning and Benediction

Pastor McGaw

### Postlude

*Postlude in C Minor* (F. Groden)

Marcia Snively, organ

*~ Departing to Service ~*

## UPCOMING WORSHIP

**Sunday, July 6th, 10 AM**  
**Pastor Judy McGaw preaches**  
**"Ask the Pastor" Series**

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