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Ask a Pastor Series
Pastor Vicki McGaw

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

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Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM

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

Prelude *Children of the Heavenly Father* (J.Wayne Kerr) Marcia Snavely, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Vicki McGaw

Introit *Down in the Valley to Pray* (arr. J. Althouse) Rosie Horvath, vocal
Marcia Snavely, piano

* **Call to Worship** Maren Koepf

One: Creating God, as we gather to worship you, we give thanks that there is a small spark of your divinity within us.

All: Kindle that spark into a flame of love and service.

One: We celebrate your loving presence in our lives.

All: May that presence be a strong and sustaining influence for each of us.

One: We rejoice that you teach us about love and forgiveness.

All: As we grow in faith, trust and love for you, may our worship, witness and service bring honor to your holy name. Amen.

* **Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* No. 66

Call of Confession/Prayer of Confession Pastor McGaw

One: Redeeming God, how easily we say that we follow you, but how often we live as if we don't have a clue as to what that means. We choose to gossip about our friends, rather than surrounding them with love. Our competitive nature wills us to win at all costs, when we could be engaged in costly service.

All: Forgive us, Holy One. Set us free to serve in love and compassion. Help us to feast on the fruit the Spirit offers to us. Lead us on the path of faithful discipleship, that we may walk in the way of Jesus.

* Those who are able stand

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor McGaw

One: Friends, call to mind what God has done for us. Think about how God's love comes in fresh and surprising ways and reflect on the fruit of the Spirit poured out upon you.

All: We remember the wonder, joy, and mercy which is ours. From the rich abundance of the Spirit's fruit, we will serve others. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Message to the Young at Heart

Pastor McGaw

* Passing of Christ's Peace

* Hymn Response

Ancient Words

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Psalm Reading

Psalm 139:1-6,13-18

Maren Koepf

Epistle Reading

Galatians 5:1,13-25

Maren Koepf

Sermon

Pastor McGaw

* Hymn of Response

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

No. 254

Fellowship of Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Maren Koepf

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.

Generosity Impact Moment

Pastor McGaw

Invitation to Generosity

Pastor McGaw

Anthem

Song of Thanks (R. Nagy)

Rosie Horvath, vocal
Marcia Snavelly, piano



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

* **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**

Lord of All Hopefulness

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* **Commissioning and Benediction**

Pastor McGaw

Postlude

Fanfare and Trumpet Tune on "Nettleton" (D. Lasky)

Marcia Snavelly, organ

~ Departing to Service ~

UPCOMING WORSHIP

**Sunday, August 3rd, 10 AM
Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner preaches**