August 10, 2025



Re-Shaped: We Were Made for This
Pastor Vicki McGaw

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

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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM

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

Prelude Anthem (P. Halley) Marcia Snavely, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Vicki McGaw

Introit Holy Ground (Davis/Larson) Ken Horner and Keith Mast, vocal duet; Marcia Snavely, piano

* Call to Worship Morgan Graves

One: Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

All: The Holy One knows us and sustains us even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

One: Who can count the thoughts of God? They are greater than all the grains of sand in the desert.

All: Like clay in the potter's hands, we are shaped into vessels of divine will. And so we gather for worship to praise the wonderful works of God.

* Opening Prayer (unison)

Morgan Graves

Creator God, you sit at the Potter's Wheel and continue to fashion beautiful things. Open us to your ongoing re-shaping of our lives and help us believe that we are capable of change. Calm our fears and animate our spirits for this time of discovery. Amen.

* Opening Hymn

Creator God, Creating Still

[see insert]

Message for the Young at Heart

Pastor McGaw

Blessing of the Backpacks

Prayer for Parents:

Loving Parent of us all, bless these parents as they guide their children on their journey of learning. Grant them patience and courage to make

^{*} Those who are able stand

the tough decisions that protect their children, wisdom and grace to lead by example, & love for them that knows no bounds. Amen.

Prayer for School Workers:

Holy One, bless these women and men who serve you in so many different ways. Grant them patience, wisdom and a sense of humor. Use them to show children your love and to guide children as they grow in the body of Christ. Amen.

Prayer for the Congregation:

Loving God, please bless each of us gathered here today as we support, protect and encourage the children among us. May we, along with the children, be both teachers and learners. Amen.

* Passing of Christ's Peace

(Children Grades K-5 dismissed to Sunday School)

* Hymn

Change My Heart O God

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true; Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay; Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true; Change my heart O God, may I be like you.

Prophetic Reading Jeremiah 18:1-6 from Eugene Peterson's The Message Morgan Graves

Sermon Pastor McGaw



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

* Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

[see insert]

Fellowship of Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Morgan Graves

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

Immortal, Invisible (Arr. J. Martin)

Ken Horner and Keith Mast, vocal duet; Marcia Snavely, 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. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

Pastor McGaw

* Closing Hymn

Have Thine Own Way

[see insert]

* Commissioning and Benediction

Pastor McGaw

Postlude

Go Down, Moses (arr. C.Taylor)

Marcia Snavely, piano

~ Departing to Service ~

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, August 17th, 10 AM "Re-Shaped: Inside Out" Pastor Vicki McGaw preaches