

September 7, 2025



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Rally Day!

Pastor Vicki McGaw

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

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10 AM

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

Prelude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (arr. J. Raney) Marcia Snavely, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Vicki McGaw

Introit *Good God Almighty* (David Crowder) Federated Choir;
RISE to Shine Band

*** Call to Worship** Abby Goodman

One: Jesus calls us to become like children that we might enter heaven.

All: And so we celebrate those people who stop to reflect, to question, to doubt, those who aren't afraid to feel.

One: Jesus tells us that those who are humble like children are the greatest in God's kingdom.

All: And so we celebrate love – the moments when you is more important than I. We celebrate perfect love – the cross, the Christ, loving in spite of, giving without reward.

One: Jesus proclaims that whoever welcomes a child welcomes him.

All: So we gather in joy to welcome Jesus and one another in this time of holy worship.

*** Opening Hymn** *This Is the Day* No. 286

Prayer of Confession Pastor McGaw

One: Loving God, you call us into community, teach us your ways, and bless us with abundant life.

All: Yet we turn aside to follow other paths: we take the easy way out, listening to the world's call rather than your call to commitment.

One: We quarrel with one another, letting differences divide us. We cherish our resentments, shutting off our hearts from forgiveness and reconciliation. We cling to petty jealousies, feeling we deserve more than we have.

* Those who are able stand

All: Forgive us when we wander from your love. Draw us into community with each other, and fill us with your grace, that we may grow in faithfulness and work together in peace.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor McGaw

One: God is at work, nurturing our growth and showing us the ways that lead to life, reconciling us to one another and teaching us the paths of love.

All: God is at work, hearing our confessions, forgiving our disobedience, and blessing us in love. Thanks be to God!

Message for the Young at Heart

Pastor McGaw

*** Passing of Christ's Peace**

(Children through grade 8 are dismissed to Sunday School)

*** Praise Response**

Halle, Halle, Halle

No. 41

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (p. 145)

Abby Goodman

Sermon

Pastor McGaw

Hymn of Response

Love Is the Touch

[words on screen]

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Abby Goodman

Invitation to Generosity

Pastor McGaw

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Rev. Susi Kawolics

Communion Prayer

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Sharing the Elements

Pastor McGaw

Communion Music

Sing Out Your Song, Christians of the World (Don Besig)

Federated Choir; 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.

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor McGaw

**All: We give thanks, Loving God, that You have refreshed us at Your table.
As we have been fed here, may we go out into the world to plant seeds
of justice, transformation and hope as you lead us from the security of
what we know to the adventure you will reveal to us. Amen.**

* Closing Hymn

Go My Children with My Blessing

No. 431

* Commissioning and Benediction

Pastor McGaw

Postlude

Child of Love (We the Kingdom)

Federated Choir:
RISE to Shine Band

~ Departing to Service ~



UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 14th, 10 AM
Pastor Vicki McGaw preaches
Luke 15:1-10

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