

March 8, 2026



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Full to the Brim: You are Worthy

Luke 13:1-9

Pastor Vicki McGaw

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

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Third Sunday of Lent

10 AM

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

Prelude *Blessed Jesus, We are Here* (W. Wold) Marcia Snavely, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Vicki McGaw

Introit *Covenant Hymn* (Gary Daigle) Gary Dole, soloist;
Federated Choir;
Marcia Snavely, piano

* **Call to Worship** Harriett Rogers

One: Come, all who are thirsty, all who are seeking, and all who are waiting.

All: Come, all who labor, all who need rest, and all who dream dreams.

One: Come, whether you're young or old, confident or curious, lonely or hopeful.

All: This is God's house. All are welcome here, so let us gather to worship holy God.

* **Opening Hymn** *Gather Us In, v. 1,2,4* No. 284

Prayer of Confession Pastor McGaw

One: Holy God, we treat our self-worth like something that can be bought at a store.

All: But you know this even better than we do.

One: Instead of trusting that we are made to be good, instead of trusting that we are loved exactly as we are, we stockpile our value in earthly things—in trophies and awards, in likes and follows, in wealth and power.

All: Forgive us for creating our own measuring sticks. Heal our open wounds and tell our hearts that we won't be forgotten if we slow down. We won't be forgotten if we rest. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Pastor McGaw

One: Friends, take a deep breath. Release the tension in your jaw. There is good news here. For even when we stumble, even when we take the easy way out, even when we forget our own self-worth, even when we lose our way – we belong to God. Say it with me:

All: **We are loved. We are claimed. We are worthy of grace. We belong to God. Amen.**

Sacrament of Baptism
[see insert]

Josie Reyes, George and Henry Fulton

Pastor McGaw

* **Passing of Christ's Peace**

(Children through grade 8 are dismissed to Sunday School)

* **Praise Response**

Full to the Brim (Paul Demer)

[words on screen]

**Lord, your love is full to the brim; Lord, your love's a cup running over.
Lord, your loving heart is a river that rolls over us
And calls us to join in the stream. You call us to dream what you dream.**

Prayer for Illumination

Harriett Rogers

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

Harriett Rogers

Sermon

Pastor McGaw

Hymn of Response

Child of God (Mark Miller)

[words on screen]

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Harriett Rogers

Invitation to Generosity

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.

Anthem *In Pilate's Hall* (John Carter); Federated Choir;
Marcia Snavelly, piano

* **Doxology** tune: BEECHER

Lavish love, abundant beauty, gracious gifts for heart and hand,
Life that fills the soul and senses all burst forth at your command.
Lord eternal, great Creator, source of love, our God and friend,
Boundless pow'r gives full expression to your love which knows no end.

* **Prayer of Dedication** Pastor McGaw

Commissioning of Lay Leaders Pastor McGaw

ALL: We are grateful that you have responded to the call to serve God at Federated Church. We affirm you. We support you. We trust you. And we rejoice to join you in serving this wonderful congregation, trusting that God's blessings fill us and nourish us and lead us. Together may we bless the world in God's name.

* **Closing Hymn** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* No. 73

* **Commissioning and Benediction** Pastor McGaw

Postlude *Toccata on Austrian Hymn (Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken)* (Haydn/Raney)
Marcia Snavelly, organ

~ *Departing to Service* ~

UPCOMING WORSHIP

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Rev. Judy Bonner-Bagley preaches