

June 28, 2026



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"The Small Welcome"

Matthew 10:40-42

Rev. Michael Anthony Howard

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

Also streaming live at YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch



June 28, 2026

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM

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

Prelude

Greater (MercyMe)

RISE to Shine Band

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Michael Howard

*** Call to Worship**

Bill Shaul

Leader: Before we ever welcomed God,

People: God welcomed us.

Leader: Before we ever spoke a word of love, .

People: God spoke the Word of love that gave us life.

Leader: Here, ordinary things make an extraordinary people.

People: Come, let us receive God's welcome.

*** Opening Hymn**

Welcome (Mark Miller)

[words on screen]

Prayer of Truth

Bill Shaul

Leader: God places gifts into our hands...

People: Simple gifts of welcome, kindness, and grace.

Leader: Too often, we forget...

People: How much love grows from such small beginnings.

Leader: Where relationships have grown weary,

People: Give us courage.

Leader: Where trust has been wounded,

People: Give us patience.

Leader: Where hope feels distant,

People: Give us faith.

Leader: Renew us in your covenant,

People: That your love may take flesh among us.

Prayer of Grace

Bill Shaul

Leader: Hear the Good News: God's love has not grown weary.

People: God's welcome remains.

Leader: God's love is still taking flesh among us.

* Those who are able stand

People: **Glory to the welcome of God.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Invitation

Leader: Long before we ever reached for God...

People: **God reached for us.**

Leader: Long before we ever spoke God's name...

People: **God called us beloved.**

Leader: Will we welcome Henry and Grace with love, prayer, and joy?

People: **With God's welcome, we welcome.**

Consecration

God has only one way of changing the world...

...And just as God welcomed creation into being,
God welcomes us into covenant.

Leader: Today, water becomes the sign of that Welcome.

People: **Glory to the Welcome of God.**

The Baptism of Grace and Henry Eastman

Long before we can speak God's name, God speaks ours.

Message for the Young at Heart

Rev. Howard

* Passing of Christ's Peace

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:40-42

Bill Shaul

Sermon

The Small Welcome

Rev. Howard

Fellowship of Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Howard

Hymn of Response

Take My Gifts

No. 381



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

Faith Impact Moment

Bill Shaul

Baptismal Remembrance

(Invitation to Generosity)

Rev. Howard

Anthem

Love Like This (Lauren Daigle)

RISE to Shine Band

*** Commissioning and Benediction**

Rev. Howard

Postlude

Abide with Me (Matt Maher)

RISE to Shine Band

Depart for Service

UPCOMING WORSHIP

July 5th – 10 AM
Rev. Michael A. Howard

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