

July 5, 2026



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Rest for the Weary

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Rev. Michael A. Howard

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

Also streaming live at YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch



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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM

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

Prelude Sheep May Safely Graze by J.S. Bach (arranged S. Huff/K. Cross) Katie Cross, piano

Announcements & Welcome

Rev. Michael A. Howard

Introit

I Will Sing New Songs (Antonín Dvořák)

Kiko Weinroth, soprano
Katie Cross, piano

*** Call to Worship**

Rev. Judy Bagely-Bonner

Leader: Come, all who are weary.

People: We come to worship.

Leader: Come, all who are burdened.

People: We come to find rest.

Leader: Come, all who seek mercy.

People: We come to receive grace.

Leader: Come, all who long to become a welcoming people.

People: We come to learn the way of Christ.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One whose yoke is life-giving.

People: Let us worship our welcoming God!

*** Opening Hymn**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

No. 16

Prayer for Truth

Rev. Bagley-Bonner

Leader: Gentle Christ, we have carried burdens you did not ask us to bear.

People: We have carried fear instead of faith.

Leader: We have carried judgment instead of welcome.

People: We have carried striving instead of trust.

Leader: Let us lay down what is not ours to carry.

People: Teach us the yoke that gives life.

(A Moment of Silence)

Prayer of Grace

Rev. Bagley-Bonner

Leader: Hear the Good News: Christ says, "Come to me...and I will give you rest."

People: **Christ welcomes us.**

Leader: Christ forgives us and makes us new.

People: **Christ welcomes us.**

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are welcomed with grace.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Message for the Young at Heart

Rev. Howard

* Passing of Christ's Peace

* Praise Response

Seek Ye First

No. 354

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And God's righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

Rev. Bagley-Bonner

Sermon

Rest for the Weary

Rev. Howard

Congregational Prayer

Rev. Howard

* The Lord's Prayer

[traditional words on screen]

Please feel free to pray in whatever language you are most comfortable

Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Howard

The Table of Thanksgiving

Rev. Howard and Rev. Bagley-Bonner

One: God is with us—

All: **God dwells among us.**

One: Lift up your hearts—

All: **We lift them to God.**

One: Let us give thanks—

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



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

Words of Institution

Rev. Howard and Rev. Bagley-Bonner

Prayer Over the Elements

Rev. Howard and Rev. Bagley-Bonner

... Grant that we may be for the world the body of Christ, bearing one another's burdens, sharing living water, and welcoming all.

All: Make us one, that we may be your dwelling place. Amen.

Invitation to Receive

Rev. Howard and Rev. Bagley-Bonner

Table Anthem

Panis Angelicus (César Franck)

Kiko Weinroth, soprano

Katie Cross, piano

* Closing Hymn

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

No. 461

* Commissioning and Benediction

Rev. Howard

Postlude

Depart in Peace

Now, go in love to serve.

Offering & Communion Instructions

- Please bring your morning offering with you when you come forward for Communion, and place it in the plate at the front of the side aisle.
- At Federated, we practice an open Communion table, and all are invited to receive. Please come down the side aisles, where you might place your offering in the plate at the front of the aisle.
- Take the bread (gluten free bread is available in the small bowl on the plate) and dip it in the cup (which contains non-fermented grape juice) before consuming. You may also choose prepackaged elements in small cups with wrapped wafer.
- After receiving, return to your pew via the center aisle.
- If you prefer to remain in your seat, simply wave to the roving usher who will bring the elements to you.

If you do not wish to take it home, please recycle your bulletin in the recycling bin in the narthex on your way out.