

August 16, 2026



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Matthew 15:10-28

Rev. Susi Kawolics

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

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Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM

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

Prelude

The Ash Grove (J. Raney)

Marcia Snavelly, organ

Announcements & Welcome

Rev. Susi Kawolics

Introit

May You Always Have a Song (S. Albrecht and J. Althouse)

Rosie Horvath, Vocals
Marcia Snavelly, piano

*** Call to Worship**

Gylene Pelton

One: Holy God, you have gathered us together to reflect on your holy word.

All: Open our minds to new ways of understanding.

One: You have called us to follow the ways of your son in caring for those in need.

All: Open our ears to hear and respond to the ones who cry out.

One: You have called us to expand our circle of care beyond those in our community.

All: Open our hearts to embrace even those on the margins, ever widening our reach.

*** Opening Hymn**

In Christ There Is No East or West

No. 687

Prayer for Truth

Gylene Pelton

One: God of mercy, you call us to hear the cries of those in need.

All: Yet our hearts are often constricted by limiting our generosity to those we think are deserving.

One: Forgive us when we cast judgement rather than love,

All: when we divide the world between "us" and "them."

One: Open our minds to new ways of thinking and our hearts to wider ways of loving,

All: that we may respond with mercy and compassion to those who suffer.

(A Moment of Silence)

One: Hear the Good News: God is merciful and just. Our sincere repentance is received by our loving God, and we are forgiven people.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Message for the Young at Heart

Gylene Pelton

* Passing of Christ's Peace

* Praise Response *God Welcomes All* (John Bell) [words on screen]

Gospel Reading *Matthew 15:10-28* Gylene Pelton

Sermon Rev. Susi Kawolics

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

Congregational Prayer Rev. Kawolics

Invitation to Generosity Rev. Kawolics

Anthem *Song of Thanks* (R. Nagy) Rosie Horvath, Vocals
Marcia Snaveley, piano

Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God who welcomes humankind,
Praise Christ who opens up our minds,
Praise Spirit who breaks down all walls,
One God, whose love embraces all.

* Prayer of Dedication Rev. Kawolics

* Closing Hymn *Our Hearts Are on a Journey* (Winfrey Gillette) [Words on Screen]



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

* Commissioning and Benediction

Rev. Kawolics

Postlude

Psalm XX (B. Marcello)

Marcia Snively, organ

Depart in Peace

Now, go in love to serve.

Our Hearts Are on a Journey

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UPCOMING WORSHIP

August 23, 2026

Rev. Michael A. Howard preaches

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