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Who Do You Say I Am?

Matthew 16:13-20

Rev. Michael A. Howard

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

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Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM

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

Prelude *Sonata in F, Op.2, No.1, II. Adagio* (L.V. Beethoven) Joshua Konow, piano

Announcements & Welcome Rev. Michael A. Howard

Introit *You Are the Christ* (David Angerman) Fed Four;
Joshua Konow, piano

*** Call to Worship** Kelly Kimball

One: Christ calls us by name and gathers us in.

All: Bind us in love. Bind us in hope. Bind us to one another.

One: Christ calls us to loosen what divides and release what gives life.

All: We confess the Christ; make of us a people.

*** Opening Hymn** Gather Us In No.284

Prayer for Truth Kelly Kimball

One: Christ calls us to be a people, bound together in love.

All: Yet we confess the bonds we have broken and the walls we have built.

One: Christ entrusts us with gifts, with choices, with the power to bless.

All: Forgive us when we sow what cannot bear life. Teach us again the way of Christ.

(A Moment of Silence)

Words of Grace Kelly Kimball

One: Hear the Good News: Christ does not abandon what Christ is building. Grace loosens what has bound us, love binds us together again, and even now God is making of us a people through whom love takes flesh.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Those who are able stand

* **Passing of Christ's Peace**

* **Praise Response** *Christ, Our Peace* (Marty Haugen) [words on screen]

Gospel Reading Matthew 16:13-20 Kelly Kimball

Sermon *Who Do You Say I Am?* Rev. Howard

* **Hymn of Response** *Bind Us Together, Lord* (Bob Gillman) [words on screen]

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

Anthem *Ubi Caritas* (Ola Gjeilo) Fed Four;
Joshua Konow, piano

Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, whose Word makes all things new;
Praise Christ, who calls and gathers you;
Praise Spirit, binding us as one;
To do the work Christ's love begun

* **Closing Hymn** *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall* (Mark Miller) [words on screen]

* **Commissioning and Benediction** Rev. Howard

Postlude *Sonata in F, Op.2, No.1, III. Menuetto - Allegretto* (L.V. Beethoven)
Joshua Konow, piano

Depart in Peace

Now, go in love to serve.



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

UPCOMING WORSHIP

August 30, 2026
Rev. Michael A. Howard preaches

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