

August 30, 2026



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What Kind of Christ?

Matthew 16:21–28

Rev. Michael A. Howard

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

Also streaming live at YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch



August 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM

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

Prelude

Shine Like Stars (North Point Music)

RISE to Shine Band

Announcements & Welcome

Rev. Michael A. Howard

* Call to Worship

Ken Horner

One: The world teaches us to seek power over one another.

All: **Christ calls us into another way.**

One: The world tells us to protect what is ours at any cost.

All: **Christ calls us to discover life by giving it away.**

One: The world makes enemies and calls them threats.

All: **Christ gathers strangers and calls them beloved.**

One: Come, let us follow the Human One,

All: **Let us learn together what it means to be Children of the Living God.**

* Opening Hymn

Shine, Jesus, Shine (Graham Kendrick)

[words on screen]

Prayer for Truth

Ken Horner

One: God of life, you created us for relationship, yet we build walls to keep one another apart.

All: **Teach us again the way of Christ.**

One: When fear makes us grasp for control,

All: **free us from the powers that diminish life.**

One: When we answer violence with violence, domination with domination, and hatred with hatred,

All: **turn us toward the way that leads to life.**

One: When we call Jesus the Christ but resist the life he reveals,

All: **reshape our imaginations and make us more like you.**

(A Moment of Silence)

One: Hear the Good News: Christ calls us from the powers of fear and domination into the way of life. In Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made new.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Message for the Young at Heart

Rev. Howard

* Passing of Christ's Peace

* Praise Response

Thuma Mina (Send Me, Jesus)

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21–28

Ken Horner

Sermon

What Kind of Christ?

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Congregational Prayer

Rev. Howard

Generosity Impact Moment

Rev. Howard

Anthem

You Are My All in All (Dennis Jernigan)

RISE to Shine Band

Doxology

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**Praise God, whose love makes all things new;
Praise Christ, who shows what love can do;
Praise Holy Spirit, Breath of grace;
Praise God, whose life fills every place.**

* Closing Hymn

Thuma Mina (Send Me, Jesus)

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* Commissioning and Benediction

Rev. Howard

Postlude

Your Promises (Elevation Worship)

RISE to Shine Band

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

September 6, 2026
Rev. Michael A. Howard preaches

September 13, 2026
RALLY DAY!