

September 6, 2026



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Christ Among Us

Matthew 18:15–20

Rev. Michael A. Howard

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

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Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM

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

Prelude *Sonata, Op.10, No.1, II. Adagio molto* (L.V. Beethoven) Joshua Konow, piano

Announcements & Welcome Rev. Michael A. Howard

Introit *Jubilate What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (J. Scriven, C. Converse, arr. P. Johnson)
Amanda Osman-Balzell, soprano;
Joshua Konow, piano

*** Call to Worship** Rev. Susi Kawolics

One: Christ gathers us at one table.

All: Christ is among us.

One: Christ makes us one body.

All: Christ is alive among us.

One: Christ meets us in one another.

All: Christ is among us.

One: Christ sends us out in love.

All: Christ is alive among us.

*** Opening Hymn**

Prayer of Truth Rev. Kawolics

One: Christ, you gather us into one body.

All: Forgive us when we turn away from one another.

One: You call us to speak truth and seek repair.

All: Give us grace to listen, courage to reconcile, and love to begin again,

Moment of Silence

Words of Grace Rev. Kawolics

One: Hear the Good News: Christ meets us with mercy, restores us in love,
and gathers us again as one body.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Those who are able stand

* Passing of Christ's Peace

* Praise Response

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-21

Rev. Kawolics

Sermon

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Congregational Prayer

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Invitation to Generosity

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The Table of Thanksgiving

Invitation

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.

Words of Institution

Prayer Over the Elements

God, meet us here... Grant that we may be for the world the body of Christ, bearing one another's burdens, and sharing living water as full participants in the life of God.

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

Invitation to Receive

Rev. Howard

(See instructions printed on the back of the bulletin)



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

Communion Music

Undivided (Melodie Tunney)

Amanda Osman-Balzell, soprano;
Joshua Konow, piano

* Closing Hymn

O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

No. 399

* Commissioning and Benediction

Rev. Howard

Postlude

Sonata in F, Op. 2, No. 1 IV. Prestissimo (L.V. Beethoven)

Joshua Konow, piano

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.

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