

October 4, 2026



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Tending the Vineyard of God

Matthew 21:33-46

Rev. Michael A. Howard

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

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Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM

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

Prelude *Njoo Kwetu, Roho mvuema (Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading) (M. Bedford)*

Marcia Snavely, Organ

Announcements & Welcome

Rev. Michael A. Howard

Introit

Let It Shine! (Mary Lynn Lightfoot)

Federated Children's Choir

Marcia Snavely, Piano

*** Call to Worship**

Rev. Susi Kawolics

One: We are all one family.

All: We are all one family, made in the image of God.

One: Siamo tutti una sola famiglia (Italian – Susi Kawolics)

All: We are all one family, all over the world.

One: Wir sind alle eine familie. (German – Joshua Konow)

All: We are all one family, brothers, siblings and sisters.

One: Kolnu mishpacha achat. (Hebrew – Michael Howard)

All: We are all one family, each unique, each special.

One: Wǒmen dōu shì yījiā rén. (Mandarin – Ariana Konow)

All: We are all one family, on one journey of faith.

One: We are all one family of God.

All: We are all one family, united in love, united in peace, united

Special Music

God Calls Us All (Mark Burrows)

Federated Children's Choir

Marcia Snavely, Piano

Message for the Young at Heart

Rev. Howard

Blessing of the Peace Pole

Passing the Peace of Christ

(Children in Grades K-5 are dismissed to Sunday School)

Praise Response

Halle, Halle, Halle (Caribbean Hymn)

No. 41

Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halle-Halle-Halleluja.

Halleluja. Halleluja.

Gospel Reading	Matthew 21:33-46	Rev. Kawolics
Sermon	Tending the Vineyard of God	Rev. Howard
Congregational Prayer		Rev. Howard
The Lord's Prayer		Rev. Howard
Invitation to Generosity		Harriet Rogers
* Invigational Hymn	For Everyone Born	Words on Screen
The Table of Thanksgiving		Rev. Howard and Rev. Kawolics

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.

Prayer for Daily Bread

One: With all the saints around the world today, we join in communion.

All: For us all, O God, give us this day our daily bread.

One: With all the saints in Africa, we join in communion.

All: For us all, O God, give us this day our daily bread.

One: With all the saints in Central and South America, we join in communion.

All: For us all, O God, give us this day our daily bread.

One: With all the saints in Asia and the Middle East, we join in communion.

All: For us all, O God, give us this day our daily bread.

One: With all the saints in Oceania, we join in communion.

All: For us all, O God, give us this day our daily bread.

One: For Europe and North America, we join in communion.

All: For us all, O God, give us this day our daily bread.

Words of Institution



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

Prayer Over Elements

Rev. Howard and Rev. Kawolics

One: As we eat, may we never cease to hunger for justice.
As we drink, may we never cease to thirst for mercy.

One: Cultivate in us the fruit of your kingdom,
that our neighbors may taste your goodness
and your promised healing may become visible among us.

All: Make us one in Christ, and nourish the world through the life we share. Amen.

Invitation to Receive

(See instructions below)

Communion Music

Holy Ground (Geron/Hammerly)

Marcia Snavely, Piano

*** Closing Hymn**

Siyahamba

No. 442

Commissioning and Benediction

Rev. Howard

Postlude

Festal Fanfare from the Fourth Concerto (J.S. Bach)

Marcia Snavely, organ

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.