October 25, 2026

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Reformation & Gratitude Sunday
"The Hook"
Matthew 22:34-40
Rev. Michael Anthony Howard

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

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October 25, 2026 **Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost** **10 AM**

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

Prelude *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now (D. Busarow)* Marcia Snavely, organ

Announcements & Welcome Rev. Michael Anthony Howard

Introit *Without Love it will All Pass Away* (Beall/Larson) Federated Choir

Recognition of Ministry Peggie Jo Shinagawa

*** Call to Worship** Peggie Jo Shinagawa

One: When the world seems shaken, where shall we stand?
All: We stand upon the love of God, steadfast and sure.
One: When all we have built begins to crumble, what will hold us together?
All: Love God. Love one another. On these two, everything hangs.

*** Opening Hymn** *The Love of God Comes Close (Iona)* [words on screen]

Prayer for Truth Peggie Jo Shinagawa

One: God of love, you have shown us the way, yet we have wandered from it.
All: Forgive us when we mistake being right for doing what is right.
One: We have defended our traditions while neglecting our neighbors.
All: Teach us to love as you have called us to love.

(Moment of Silence)

Words of Grace

One: Hear the Good News: God's love has not failed us. Even when we lose our way, grace calls us back to the heart of all that matters.
All: We are held by love, restored by grace, and called to love again. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Message for the Young at Heart Rev. Howard

*** Passing of Christ's Peace**
(Children grades K-8 are dismissed to Sunday School.)

*** Praise Response** *Love the Lord Your God* [words on screen]

Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart. Love the Lord, your God, with all your soul. Love the Lord, your God, with all your mind. Love the Lord, your God, with all that you are.

Scripture Reading	Matthew 22:34-40	Peggie Jo Shinagawa
Sermon	**"The Hook"**	Rev. Howard
***Responsive Hymn**	*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*	No. 517
Congregational Prayer		Rev. Howard

Invitation to Generosity

*** Renewal and Reaffirmation of Covenant**

One: God of love, you have called us together and made us one people.
All: We belong to you, and we belong to one another.
One: In the waters of baptism, you have called us into a life of faithfulness.
All: Renew in us the promise to love you with all that we are.
One: Receive these gifts, these commitments, and the gratitude of our hearts.
All: May all that we have, and all that we are, become instruments of your love.
One: And may all we do, all we build, and all we hope to become—
All: Be rooted our love for God and the love we have for our neighbors. Amen

Anthem	*Let My Love Be Heard (Jake Runestad)*	Federated Choir

*** Doxology**

Praise God, whose love sustains us all;
Praise Christ, who shows us love's great call;
Praise Holy Spirit, Breath of grace;
One God, whose love transforms this place.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

*** Closing Hymn**	*Christ Has Broken Down the Wall (Mark Miller)*	[words on screen]
*** Commission & Benediction**		Rev. Howard
Postlude	*A Mighty Fortress is Our God (J. Pachelbel)*	Marcia Snavely, organ

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Now, go in love to serve.

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UPCOMING WORSHIP

November 1, 2026
All Saints Sunday
Rev. Michael Anthony Howard preaches

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