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Becoming a Sanctuary People

Matthew 23:1-13

Rev. Michael A. Howard & Rev. Tina Green

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

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November 1, 2026 **Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost** **10 AM**

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

Prelude *Shall We Gather at the River. (R. Hobby)* Marcia Snavely, Organ

Announcements & Welcome Rev. Michael A. Howard

Introit *Keeper of the Song* (Joseph M. Martin)
Federated Children's Choir, Pat Haynish, Director
Marcia Snavely, Piano; Kathy Ohlrich, ASL

*** Call to Worship** Rev. Tina Green

One: Come, all you saints of God, gathered across generations in the communion of love.
All: We come to remember, to rejoice, and to make room for one another.
One: Christ calls us beyond the words we profess into the love we practice.
All: Make us a sanctuary people, where grace is shared and all belong.

*** Opening Hymn** *For All The Saints* No. 637

Special Music *Let Us Give Thanks to the Lord B. Nix, R. Thornhill*
Federated Children's Choir, Pat Haynish, Director
Marcia Snavely, Piano

Message for the Young at Heart Rev. Howard

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Praise Response *Sanctuary* Words on Screen

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You.

Gospel Reading Matthew 23:1-13 Rev. Howard

Sermon ***Becoming a Sanctuary People*** Revs. Green & Howard

Congregational Prayer Rev. Howard

The Lord's Prayer

The Table of Thanksgiving Revs. Green & Howard

* Those who are able stand

*** Invitational Hymn** *For Everyone Born (vv.1&5)* Words on Screen

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.

Celebration of Saints Departed

Lynn Bamberger	Lee Hoffman	Dick Masters	Louise Rutkowski
Doug Cantlay	Silvia Kenneweg	Karen Perry	Anna Schneider
Mike Carlton	Ralph Lindeman	John Prexta	Sandy See
			Larry Wiley

Words of Institution Revs. Green & Howard

Prayer Over Elements

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

Communion Music *Abide with Me. (L. Petersen)* Marcia Snavely, Organ

*** Closing Hymn** *The Church of Christ in Every Age* No. 475 (vv. 1-3, 5)

Commissioning and Benediction Rev. Howard

Postlude *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (D. Cherwien)* Marcia Snavely, Organ

Depart in Peace
Now, go in love to serve.

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Becoming a Sanctuary People

Safety • Belonging • Accountability • Flourishing

At Federated, Safe Church is more than a policy to adopt. It is a culture we are learning to practice. Through listening, learning, and shared discernment, Federated is working to become a community where all people, especially the vulnerable, can find safety, dignity, and belonging.

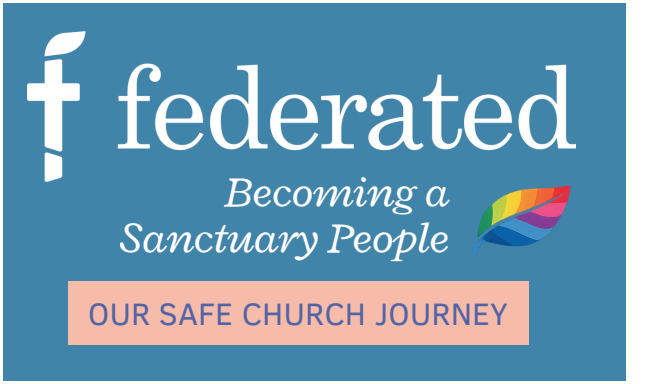
Meet Our Facilitator: Rev. Tina Green

Rev. Tina Green brings more than 30 years of ministry experience as a Christian educator and local church pastor. Trained through the Shalem Institute's Nurturing the Call program, Tina has extensive experience facilitating retreats, workshops, and conversations about spiritual growth and church vitality. She also serves the wider church through the Living Water Association's Committee on Ministry.

As our outside facilitator and sacred listener, Tina will help us create space for honest conversation, careful discernment, and faithful next steps.

Our Sanctuary People Task Force

- Rev. Michael Anthony Howard
- Beth Rutkowski
- Peggie Jo Shinagawa
- Kelly Lawrence
- Jannine Mason
- Shawn Bottcher
- Joe Rose
- Carey English



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