November 8, 2026

Veteran's Sunday

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Love Comes Prepared

Rev. Michael Anthony Howard

Matthew 25:1-13

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

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November 8, 2026 **Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost** **10 AM**

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

Prelude *Promises* (New Life Worship) RISE to Shine Band

Announcements & Welcome Rev. Michael Anthony Howard

*** Call to Worship** John Bourisseau

One: The hour is coming, though we know not when.
All: Let us be ready, with hearts full of love.
One: God calls us to prepare the way for grace.
All: May our love be more than words, and our faith be made known in deeds.

*** Opening Hymn** *10,000 Reasons* (Matt Redman) RISE to Shine Band

Prayer for Truth John Bourisseau

One: God of light, you call us to be ready, yet too often we leave the work of love undone.
All: Forgive us when good intentions take the place of faithful action.
One: When we neglect the needs of our neighbors, or leave others to carry the burdens we should share, awaken us.
All: Teach us to prepare with wisdom, to serve with courage, and to love with all that we are.

(Moment of Silence)

Words of Grace John Bourisseau

One: Hear the Good News: God's love does not run dry, and God's grace does not give up on us. Even when our lamps grow dim, the Spirit renews our strength and calls us again to the work of love.
All: Thanks be to God, whose mercy makes all things new. Amen.

A Moment of Gratitude and Recognition Rev. Howard
(Veterans and active-duty military personnel will be invited to stand.)

Message for the Young at Heart Rev. Howard
(A moment of welcome for Abigail Reed, Director of Youth and Family Ministries)

*** Passing of Christ's Peace** *"You can count on me!"*
(Children grades K-8 are dismissed to Sunday School.)

*** Praise Response**	*Give Me Oil in My Lamp (Keep Me Burning)*	[Words on Screen]
Scripture Reading	Matthew 25:1-13	John Bourisseau
Sermon	**Love Comes Prepared**	Rev. Howard
***Responsive Hymn**	*God of Grace and God of Glory*	No. 464
Congregational Prayer		Rev. Howard
Invitation to Generosity		
Anthem	*It Is Well* (Bethel Music)	RISE to Shine Band

*** Doxology**

Praise God, whose love prepares the way;
Praise Christ, our light through darkest day;
Praise Holy Spirit, strength and guide;
One God, whose love will e'er abide.

*** Prayer of Dedication**		Rev. Howard
*** Closing Hymn**	*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*	No. 453
*** Commission & Benediction**		Rev. Howard
Postlude	*One Thing Remains* (Jeremy Riddle)	RISE to Shine Band

Depart in Peace
Now, go in love to serve.

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Welcome

Abigail Reed

DIRECTOR OF
YOUTH AND
FAMILY MINISTRIES

UPCOMING WORSHIP

November 15, 2026
Matthew 25:14-30
Rev. Michael Anthony Howard preaches

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