



FEDERATED CHURCH
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation

Gathered at 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Ministers to the World: All the Congregation
Ministers to the Congregation: All the Church Staff

January 15, 2012

Second Sunday After Epiphany

8:45 a.m.

Theme: The Mystery and Beauty of Life

* **Prelude** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* (C. Taylor) Marcia Snavely

Welcome and Concerns of the Church Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

As we gather for worship this morning, please take a moment to pray for those seated around you and those far away. Then take a few minutes after the service to introduce yourself to someone you don't yet know, with an invitation to join you for coffee or tea. Thank you for helping to personalize our Church Family by wearing a nametag.

Introit *Oh, Mary Shout for Joy!* (Traditional/arr. A Powell) The Ensemble

* **Call to Worship** Carolyn Cunningham, Worship Leader

Leader: We are in school, in the workforce, retired, at home.

All: No matter what we do in life, God works through us.

Leader: We are young, old, or middle-aged; small, medium, or large.
We are light, dark, or in-between.

All: No matter what we look like, we are created in God's image.

Leader: We are lost, or searching, or sure of our paths.

All: No matter where we are on life's journey, God travels with us.

* **Opening Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* No. 66

Invocation (unison)

Holy One, you know us inside and out, through and through. Yet in spite of all our flaws and all our wanderings away from your ways, you accept us and embrace us with your abiding love. You continue to call us back to you, and invite each one of us to follow you. Give us ears to hear your call, and the courage and passion to follow you. Amen

Scripture Reading John 1:43-51

* **Hymn** *Glory, Glory Hallelujah*

Verse 1

**Glory, glory hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down,
Glory, glory hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down,**

V2: I feel better, so much better, ...

V3: Feel like shouting (hallelujah), ...

V4: I am dancing Miriam's dance now, ...

V5: I am climbing Jacob's ladder, ...

V6: Every round goes higher and higher, ...

Faith Witness

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn** *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace* No. 335

Offering Our Lives and Resources

Please sign the Hospitality Booklet at the end of each pew and return it again, noticing names and faces of those with whom you are worshiping. After the service be sure to take a moment to greet those worshiping with you, especially those who may be new among us.

Offertory Anthem *Unity* (Moone/Washington) The Ensemble
Bryan Guffey, baritone

* **Song of Dedication** *For the Fruits of All Creation* (v.2) No. 714

**In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

* **Lord's Prayer** ("sins")

Scripture Reading Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Sermon

Rev. Throckmorton

* Closing Hymn *God of My Breathing*

Hymn Tune: SLANE

God of my breathing and God of my heart
Spirit embodied in all human parts
Would that this body, from head to the toes
Bring forth your glory in all that I know

God of my hearing and God of my sight
Bless all I find from the moment I rise
Upon this mind your table be found
Prayerfully offered these visions and sounds

God of my footsteps and God of my path
Where these feet travel may they know no lack
Shoes on the pavement or toes in the soil
Carry your servant where Christ bids them go

God of my limits and God of all truth
You who have knit me with joy in the womb
Would that this body from head to the toes
Bring forth your glory in all that I know

* Benediction

* Postlude *Fantasy on "My Lord, What a Mourning"* (R. Simpson) Marcia Snively

~ Departing To Serve ~

* Those who are able stand ***** Worshipers may be seated

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Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Marcia Snavely in loving memory of John Laskowski and Ruth and Charles King.

The flowers from today's worship service will be rearranged and distributed by the Angel Flower Ministry.

Ushers

Lynne Muzik, Blanche Torday, Phil Lindeman, Steve Rungwerth, Kathleen Rungwerth, Kathy Franz, Sharon Boyle, and Dale Kondik.

Pastoral Care

Shirley Malzer, 440-893-0732, Judy Batdorff, Jan Blank, Barb Dellinger, Sally Ramsey, Marilee Rickert, and Eva Jean Trace.



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