



**FEDERATED CHURCH**  
United Church of Christ  
An Open and Affirming Congregation

Gathered at 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio

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January 22, 2012

Third Sunday After Epiphany

10:15 a.m.

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**Theme: The true foundation – Everything rests on God**

- \* **Prelude** *Vocalise* (Rachmaninoff) Carol Foley, piano  
Dan Anderson, violin

**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.

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**Introit** *A Mighty Fortress Is our God* (arr. Fred Bock) Men of Chagrin

- \* **Call to Worship** Hal Maskiell, Worship Leader

Leader: God our rock and foundation, we gather to worship you.

**All: Trusting in your abiding presence, we come to worship you.**

Leader: God our redeemer and savior, we gather to worship you.

**All: Trusting in your mercy, we come to worship you.**

Leader: God our refuge and dwelling place, we gather to worship you.

**All: Trusting in your uniting love, we come to worship you.**

- \* **Opening Hymn** *O God of Vision* No. 288

**Invocation** (unison)

**Holy God, you are our rock, our redeemer, our refuge. We come to praise your name, to affirm our trust in the promise of your abiding presence. May we remember that you hold all your children in your tender care, that your love extends beyond our comprehension. Bring your light and compassion to our divisions, that they might be mended. Unite us as we strive to share your reconciling love and build your realm of peace on this earth. Amen**

**Scripture Reading** Mark 1:14-20

**Faith Witness**

**Prayers of the People**

- \* **Hymn** *How Firm a Foundation* No. 618

## 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**      *Christ Is the Rock* (Lloyd Larson)      Men of Chagrin

\* **Song of Dedication**      *We Give Thee but Thine Own* (v.1-2)      No. 382

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.**

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

**Scripture Reading** (responsive)      Psalm 62:5-12

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God,

**who alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God, who is a refuge for us.**

Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

**Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God.

**and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.**

**Sermon**      Rev. Throckmorton

\* **Closing Hymn**      *They'll Know We Are Christians*      No. 494

\* **Benediction**

\* **Postlude**      *In Thee Is Gladness* (W. Held)      Marcia Snavely

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~ Departing To Serve ~

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

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### **Altar Flowers**

The altar flowers this morning are given with love and happy memories of Norm Smith by Barbara, Kelli, Martin, Lila and Mirielle.

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

### **An Opportunity to Honor and Remember a Loved One**

If you are interested in recognizing someone or something by donating an altar arrangement, we have an opening for Sunday, February 12. You are welcome to take the arrangement home with you after the 10:15 service, or our Angel Flower Ministry will be happy to arrange the flowers into smaller arrangements and deliver them to those in our church family who may need a bit of cheer. Please contact Sue Mansour at 440.338.4740 or [sueman@roadrunner.com](mailto:sueman@roadrunner.com) if interested.

### **Ushers**

Sue Mansour, Janet Berlincourt, Bill & Silvia Kenneweg, Wendy Pierce, Skip Riegel, Mary Ann Viveros and Jim Whitelaw.

### **Pastoral Care**

Norma Burrows, 330.562.2196, Jack Henry, Elsie Lutman, Helen Pointer, Sonja Solar and Myia Sterling.



### **Hearing Loop System Available**

This Sanctuary is equipped with a Hearing Loop system that works with all Telecoil-equipped hearing aids to amplify sound with excellent clarity. For more information please speak to an usher.

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