# March 12, 2023



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"Turning to God in Our Testing and Doubt"

Exodus 17:1-7

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

Also streaming live at YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch



March 12, 2023 Third Sunday of Lent 10 AM

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

**Prelude** I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ (J. S. Bach) Marcia Snavely, organ

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

Introit In Praise and Celebration (Mary Caldwell) Federated Choir;

Marcia Snavely, piano

\* Call to Worship (responsive)

Steve Downey

One: People of doubt and confusion, welcome to this place!

All: We come seeking solace in our uncertainty.

One: Take comfort, for you are standing on solid and holy ground,

All: the same earth on which our ancestors in faith stood.

One: They, too, questioned and quarreled with God.

All: And God never abandoned them. God's love is never-ending.

One: May you sense the peace this truth brings.

\* Passing of Christ's Peace

(Children from grades K-8 leave for Sunday School)

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

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Steve Downey

Enduring Presence, we confess that sometimes we question if you are among us or not. Sometimes we quarrel with you when we are tested. These are the moments when our outlook needs transformation. You are gracious in looking beyond our faults to see our needs and meet them. Thank you for your immeasurable grace. Amen.

Sung Response

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us (2x)

No. 300

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### Words of Assurance

Steve Downey

New mercies are granted daily and each day we can answer the invitation to transformation – we can taste the living waters of grace and love. Thanks be to God.

**Generosity Impact Moment** 

Rev. Betsy Wooster

**Invitation to Generosity** 

Rev. Wooster

Anthem

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me (arr. Diane Bish)

Federated Choir;

Marcia Snavely, organ

\* Doxology

No. 48

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

One God triune, whom we adore. Amen.

### \* Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

#### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Rev. Wooster

\* **Hymn** I Want Jesus to Walk with Me No. 627

**Scripture** Exodus 17:1-7 Rev. Throckmorton



**Sermon** Rev. Throckmorton

\* **Hymn** Lead On, O Cloud of Presence No. 633

\* Benediction Rev. Throckmorton

**Postlude** Allegro Giocoso from "Water Music" (G. F. Handel) Marcia Snavely, organ

~ Departing to Service ~



## **UPCOMING WORSHIP**

Sunday, March 19th, 10 AM Fourth Sunday of Lent Commissioning of Lay Leaders

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches "Turning to God in Our Unseeing" John 9:1-41