

July 30, 2023



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"God as a Gardener"

Matthew 13:1-9

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

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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM

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

Prelude *Sarabande from Partita in B minor* (J.S. Bach) Andrew Sords, violin

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jill Harkins Goodman

Introit *Salut d'Amour (Love's Greeting)* (Edward Elgar) Andrew Sords, violin;
Joshua Konow, piano

*** Call to Worship** Rev. Betsy Wooster

One: The God of wind and water, soil and seed, sweeps into our presence in this moment.

All: Glory be to God, who strengthens and blesses all people with peace.

One: God, who called all worlds into being, calls forth new life in us today.

All: Glory be to God, in whose creative purpose we are claimed and empowered.

One: God, whose Spirit unites all people in a common language of love, confirms God's gifts in us as we gather here.

All: Glory be to God, who created light in which we can walk in confident expectation.

*** Passing of Christ's Peace**

*** Hymn** *We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky* No.684

Opening Prayer (*unison*) Rev. Betsy Wooster

O God, We gather together in Your presence with expectation, hungry for an encounter with You, eager to hear Your Word. Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit. May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us this morning fall on fertile soil. May they take root in our hearts and lives, and produce a harvest of justice and love. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher, and our Lord. Amen.

* Those who are able stand

**** Worshipers may be seated

Generosity Impact Moment

Rev. Wooster

Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Wooster

Anthem

Ave Maria (Giulio Caccini)

Andrew Sords, violin;
Joshua Konow, piano

* **Doxology**

No. 47

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Goodman

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Rev. Wooster

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.**

Blessing of Baby Lamari

Rev. Goodman/Rev. Wooster

(Guardians Jeff and Lauren Miller)

* **Hymn**

God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty

No.514

Scripture

Matthew 13:1-9

Rev. Jill Goodman

Sermon

Rev. Jill Goodman

* **Hymn**

Let All Things Now Living

No.717

* **Benediction**

Rev. Goodman



This Sanctuary is equipped with a **Hearing Loop system** that works with all **Telecoil-equipped hearing aids** to amplify sound with excellent clarity.

Postlude

Gigue from Partita in E major (J.S. Bach)

Andrew Sords, violin

~ *Departing to Service* ~

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, August 6th, 10 AM
Rev. Laurel Koepf preaches