

August 6, 2023



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"The Sacredness of Scripture"

Leviticus 21:1-23; Isaiah 56:1-8

Rev. Laurel Koepf

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

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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM

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

Prelude *Elegiac Pastorale.* (F. Ashdown) Marcia Snavelly, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Betsy Wooster

Introit *O Come Ye People.* (J. Rheinberger) Ken Horner and Keith Mast, vocal duet;
Marcia Snavelly, organ

* **Call to Worship** (*responsive*) Rev. Laurel Koepf

One: Why do we gather? We gather to ask our questions

All: And to hear one another's answers.

One: We gather because we cannot know the divine mystery,

All: But we can seek it together.

One: We gather to share our experience,

All: And to experience wonder in community.

One: We gather to strengthen our commitments

All: With those who share the same commitments.

One: We gather seeking God

All: And see God reflected in one another.

* **Passing of Christ's Peace**

* **Hymn** *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* No. 638

Opening Prayer (*unison*) Rev. Wooster

Uniting God,

You who makes each of us to reflect your multifaceted nature,

We find ourselves living amidst vehement divisions.

We struggle to see you in those with whom we disagree.

We turn to your word for guidance and wonder where to begin.

Guide us as we seek out understanding in sacred texts and traditions,

**Support us in our interactions with one another,
Make your presence known to us as we revisit our commitments,
Welcome us into your care,
That we may be your church for all people.
Amen.**

Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Wooster

Anthem *Praise Him* (C. Courtney) Ken Horner and Keith Mast, vocal duet;
Marcia Snively, 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. Koepf

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Rev. Wooster

* **Hymn** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* No. 73

Scripture Leviticus 21:1-23; Isaiah 56:1-8 Rev. Koepf

Sermon Rev. Koepf

* **Hymn** *Let Us Break Bread Together* No. 425

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Koepf and Rev. Wooster

Communion Music *Improvisation on "Balm in Gilead"* (J. Martin)
 Marcia Snively, piano



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

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.

* Hymn *Ours the Journey* No. 458

* Benediction Rev. Koepf

Postlude *Toccata on "The God of Abraham Praise" (J. Raney)*
Marcia Snively, organ

~ *Departing to Service* ~

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, August 13th, 10 AM
Marty Culbertson preaches