

October 22, 2023



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**"Why Can't We Ever See God?"**

Exodus 33:12-23

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

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

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Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM

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

**Prelude**

*Be Thou My Vision* (F. Ashdown)

Marcia Snavelly, organ

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

**Introit**

*Shout Unto God* (Heather Sorenson)

Federated Choir;

John Nichols, percussion; Marcia Snavelly, organ

\* **Call to Worship** (*responsive*)

Rev. Betsy Wooster

One: Let us worship the Holy One who forms us as a people, a community, and a world!

**All: God knows our name and looks upon us with pleasure.**

One: Let us hear, see, and know the ways of God.

**All: God reveals Godself to us in magnificent and gentle ways.**

One: Let us proclaim the glory, goodness, and graciousness of our Great God!

**All: God is worthy to be praised!**

\* **Passing of Christ's Peace**

(K-8<sup>th</sup> grade dismissed for Sunday School)

\* **Hymn**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

No. 25

**Opening Prayer** (*unison*)

Rev. Wooster

**You know each of us by name, O God,**

**and in your sight we have found favor,**

**yet our minds cannot comprehend the vision of your glory**

**or the vastness of your love.**

**Grant that as we glimpse your greatness,**

**reflected in your many gifts,**

we may always return to you  
the praise that is yours alone. Amen.

**Generosity Witness and Invitation to Generosity**

Beth Rutkowski

**Congregational Affirmation of Generosity** (*unison*)

Beth Rutkowski

**We see God's generosity in the creation of the world around us and all its resources.**

**We experience God's generosity in the grace we have been given through Jesus Christ.**

**We affirm that all we have is a gift from God, and as God's children, we are called to be generous to each other, to our neighbors, to our church, and to our community.**

**We show our gratefulness for God's generosity when we give generously.**

**Anthem** *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* (from *Feel the Spirit*)\* John Rutter  
Federated Choir; Beth Rutkowski, soloist; Marcia Snavelly, piano

\* **Doxology** *Halle-Halle-Halleluja* No. 41  
**Halle, Halle, Halleluja** (x3)  
**Halleluja, Halleluja**

\* **Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Throckmorton

**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.**

\* **Hymn** *Abide with Me* No. 636

**Scripture**

Exodus 33:12-23

Rev. Throckmorton



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

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**Sermon**

Rev. Throckmorton

\* **Hymn**

*We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God*

No. 64

\* **Benediction**

Rev. Throckmorton

**Postlude**

*Trumpet Voluntary* (J. Stanley)

Marcia Snavelly, organ

~ Departing to Service ~



"God Goes with You," from Abide

**UPCOMING WORSHIP**

Sunday, October 29th, 10 AM

Reformation Sunday

Rev. Betsy Wooster preaches

We Don't Always Get to the Promised Land

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

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