

November 12, 2023



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"What Sense Does It Make that We're to Grieve with Hope?"

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

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

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Gratitude Sunday

10 AM

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

Prelude *How Firm a Foundation* (arr. Jason D. Payne) Carmen Massaro, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

Introit *Through Love to Light* (Elaine Hagenberg) The Federated Choir;
Carmen Massaro, piano

* **Call to Worship** (*responsive*) Rev. Betsy Wooster

One: The God of our ancestors has led us to this place.

All: We are witnesses to hope.

One: We have committed to teach God's promises to all generations.

All: We are witnesses to hope.

One: The time is coming when Christ will come again in glory.

All: We are witnesses to hope.

One: Let us tell the world of God's faithful love.

All: Let us worship and witness together!

* **Passing of Christ's Peace**
(Children K-8 leave for Sunday School)

* **Hymn** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* No. 90

Opening Prayer (*unison*) Rev. Wooster

Your love has brought us together, O God, and it is your love that sustains us through each day. We pray that you will keep us faithful. Even as we grieve.

Even as we struggle. Even as we watch for signs of your work on earth.

Give us the courage to witness to your presence in the world, today, tomorrow, and into the future. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity Dawn Thatcher

* Those who are able stand

Congregational Affirmation of Generosity (*unison*)

Dawn Thatcher

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.

Offering of Our Gratitude, Our Gifts, and Our Intentions to Give

Prayer of Dedication

Dawn Thatcher

Anthem

Hold Fast to Dreams (Roger Ames)

The Federated Choir;
Carmen Massaro, piano

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Rev. Wooster

Lord's Prayer

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Scripture

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Rev. Throckmorton

Sermon

Rev. Throckmorton

Baptism of Robert Owen Elmore

Rev. Throckmorton

Reception of New Members

Rev. Throckmorton and Rev. Wooster

Leader: Our sisters and brothers, God's promises to you are plain. God has made them plain in Christ. God loves you unconditionally.

New Members: Gladly I commit myself to God and to the life and mission of Federated Church. I will take for my own life the words of Christ: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and your neighbor as yourself."



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Leader: Behind you and around you are God's people, a family which is God's gift to you. In the presence of God and these friends, do you give yourself unreservedly to God's service, and take this to be your family of faith?

New Members: Yes, I do! I promise to walk with them in faithfulness and Christian love. And I promise that, so far as able, I will attend the services of this church, celebrate its sacraments, become an informed, mature Christian, and be generous in all my giving.

Leader: Beyond these walls awaits a community hungry for hope, a world starving for bread and justice and peace.

New Members: I believe God is in the process of saving the world. I will join God outside these walls, offering Christ's healing and hope to change the world.

Leader: Members of the church, what do you say?

*** Members: Dear friends, we stand beside you today. We believe with you. We share your doubts. We choose to live the way of Jesus with you. We ask that the Holy Spirit may touch us, disturb us, heal us, enliven us, send us and create such joy among us that the world may say, "Behold how they love one another!"**

*** Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Dedication**

Marc Arnold

Mari Hageman

Carol Shaw

Shana Arnold

Chelsey Kohn

Joy Wyatt

Lindsay Elmore

Grace Novinc

Robert Elmore

Morris Pengilly

Introductions and Welcome

*** Hymn** *Let Hope and Sorrow Now Unite* No. 639

*** Benediction** Rev. Throckmorton

Postlude *Rondeau* (Jean-Joseph Mouret) Carmen Massaro, organ

~ Departing to Service ~

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 19th, 10 AM

Gathering

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches

Taking Risks for God's Way

Matthew 25:14-30