

March 17, 2024



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**"We Wish to See Jesus"**

John 12:20-33

Rev. Betsy Wooster

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

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

10 AM

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

**Prelude**      *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters* (W. Wold)      Marcia Snavely, organ

**Welcome and Announcements**      Rev. Betsy Wooster

**Introit**      *Lift Him Up* (Phyllis Wolfe, arr. Marta Keen)      Federated Choir;  
Marcia Snavely, piano

\* **Call to Worship** (*responsive*)      Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

One: The days are surely coming, says our God;

**All: The day is here to affirm a new covenant.**

One: We call on God's steadfast love and mercy.

**All: We seek a strong and vital relationship with our God.**

One: Our Creator claims us and forgives our faithlessness.

**All: We are eager to know the God who loves us.**

**We are ready to listen for Jesus' intention for us.**

One: Our brokenness can be healed and wholeness restored.

**All: We are open to the new and right spirit God offers. Amen.**

\* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

\* **Hymn**      *The Sun Is on the Sea and Shore*      No. 3

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)      Rev. Betsy Wooster

**Eternal and Almighty God, you have long sought us, and we have fled.**

**You have offered us your easy yoke,**

**and we have tied ourselves down with cares and burdens.**

**You have forgiven us, and yet we still complain against our siblings.**

**Turn us around to face the light;**

**Teach us a repentance that lives in works of love;**

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\* Those who are able stand

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**Guide us through the valley of the shadow of death.  
Call us to follow Jesus: to live and suffer, to die and rise again. Amen.**

**Sung Response** *Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)* No. 298  
**Kyrie Eleison. Christe Eleison. Kyrie Eleison.**  
**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**Words of Assurance** Rev. Betsy Wooster

**Sacrament of Baptism** Levi Dean Kohn Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton  
Parents: Chelsey Kohn and Katie Kohn

**Promises of the Congregation**

**We will endeavor to do so, and we promise our support. Joyfully and reverently we welcome Levi Dean into our Federated family of faith, a part of the larger family of God. We pledge to be his sisters, siblings, and brothers, his grandparents, aunts, and uncles in Christ and, with God's help, to surround him with God's kind of love. We accept as our sacred responsibility helping him to grow, together with us all, to full humanity as we see it in Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

(Children in K-8 leave for Sunday School)

**Generosity Impact Moment** Rev. Throckmorton

**Invitation to Generosity** Rev. Throckmorton

**Anthem** *Caritas from Illuminare (Elaine Hagenberg)* Federated Choir;  
Marcia Snavely, piano

\* **Doxology** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* 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. Wooster



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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## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Rev. Throckmorton

**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.**

<b>* Hymn</b>	<i>Abide with Me</i>	No. 636
<b>Scripture</b>	John 12:20-33	Rev. Wooster
<b>Sermon</b>		Rev. Wooster

## Commissioning of Lay Leaders

Rev. Throckmorton and Rev. Wooster

### Affirmation of Congregation (unison)

**We are grateful that you have responded to the call to serve God here at Federated Church. We affirm you. We support you. We trust you. And we rejoice to join you in serving this wonderful congregation, trusting that God's blessings fill us and nourish us and lead us. Together may we bless the world in God's name.**

<b>* Hymn</b>	<i>Called as Partners in Christ's Service</i>	No. 453
<b>* Benediction</b>		Rev. Wooster
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i> (M. Limbaugh)    Marcia Snavelly, organ	

~Departing to Service~

## UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 24th, 10 AM

Palm/Passion Sunday

Mark 15:1-39

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

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