April 7, 2024



"Do Not Doubt But Believe"

John 20:19-31

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

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

Also streaming live at YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch



April 7, 2024 Second Sunday of Easter 10 AM

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

Prelude Fanfare for an Alleluia Day! (Bob Burroughs)

Federated Bell Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

Introit Let All Things Now Living (arr. Cathy Moklebust) Federated Bell Choir

* Call to Worship (responsive)

Rev. Betsy Wooster

One: The joy of the resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ is with us.

All: We rejoice in the blessing God has poured into our lives.

One: Even though we hear words of doubt, we are called to believe.

All: Even though the world would draw us back again into shadows, we focus on the light.

One: Thanks be to Christ who gives us the victory.

All: Alleluia!

Passing of Christ's Peace

(Children in K-5 leave for Sunday School)

* **Hymn** Thine Is the Glory No. 218

Opening Prayer (*unison*) Rev. Wooster

God of all things new,
in spite of our doubts,
may we recognize you in our midst:
your life, death and resurrection.
In spite of our doubts,
may we know when we come face to face
with the love that is greater than all deaths.
In spite of our doubts,
may we reach out to touch the wounds of the world's pain

* Those who are able stand

with the love that is greater than all deaths.

And in spite of our doubts,
may we live as though we are, too,
held by a love that is greater than all deaths. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Wooster

Anthem My Lord, What a Mornin' (arr. Hart Morris) Federated Bell Choir

* Doxology Halle-Halle-Halleluja

No. 41

Halle, Halleluja (x3) Halleluja, Halleluja

* Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Throckmorton

Affirmation of Creation Care

Rev. Wooster

We see God's generosity in the glory of creation and the natural resources God has provided. We acknowledge and accept our role in caring for the Earth and its people. We affirm that all of creation is a gift from God and, as God's children, we are called to make living life on this gift we call Earth safe and healthy for all people everywhere. We show our gratefulness for God when we show love to the Earth.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Rev. Wooster

* **Hymn** Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain No. 215

Scripture John 20:19–31 Rev. Throckmorton

Sermon Rev. Throckmorton

Holy Communion Rev. Throckmorton and Rev. Wooster

Communion Music An He Never Said a Mumblin' Word (arr. C. Taylor)

Marcia Snavely, piano

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

Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us

No. 231

* Benediction

Rev. Throckmorton

Postlude

Fanfare and Trumpet Tune on "O Worship the King" (D. Lasky)

Marcia Snavely, organ

~ Departing to Service ~

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 14, 10 AM

Rev. Betsy Wooster preaches "You Are Witnesses of These Things" Luke 24:36b-48