

May 5, 2024



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**"I Have Called You Friends"**

John 15:9-17

Rev. Betsy Wooster

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

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

10 AM

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

**Prelude**                      *O Blessed Spring* (J. Biery)                      Marcia Snavely, organ

**Welcome and Announcements**                      Rev. Betsy Wooster

**Introit**                      *God's Love* (Patti Drennan)                      Lindsay Elmore and Emily Rees, soloists;  
Federated Choir; Marcia Snavely, piano

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

One: Come all who seek to follow Jesus!

**All: We abide in the love revealed in Jesus Christ.**

One: We come in response to the one who calls us friends.

**All: Come! Let us rejoice in Jesus our friend and savior.**

One: We have been chosen by God to love one another.

**All: Let us love one another as Christ has loved us.**

One: Let us celebrate the embrace of our God.

**All: We give thanks to God from whom all blessings flow.**

\* **Passing of Christ's Peace**  
(Children in K-5 leave for Sunday School)

\* **Hymn**                      *For the Beauty of the Earth*                      No. 56

**Opening Prayer** (*unison*)                      Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

**Compassionate and merciful God,  
we thank you that you have come to us in Jesus Christ,  
whose disciples we are. Make us strong in your strength;  
make us wise in your wisdom, and make us gentle in your compassion.  
Help us to press onward in our faith,  
loving the world and accepting the cost and joy of discipleship.  
We trust in your grace for today and for all tomorrows. Amen.**

**Invitation to Generosity**                      Rev. Throckmorton

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\* Those who are able stand

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**Anthem**

*The Greatest Love* (Ken Medema )

Federated Choir  
Marcia Snavelly, piano

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

- \* **Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Wooster

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer**

Rev. Throckmorton

- \* **Hymn** *Help Us Accept Each Other* No. 487

**Scripture** John 15:9-17 Rev. Wooster

**Sermon** Rev. Wooster

**Holy Communion** Rev. Throckmorton and Rev. Wooster

**Communion Music** *Amazing Grace with Liszt's Un Sospiro Etude* (arr. J. Raney)  
*Near the Cross* (arr. J. Raney) Marcia Snavelly, 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** *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds* No. 433

- \* **Benediction** Rev. Wooster

**Postlude** *Prelude & Fugue in F Major* (J.S. Bach) Marcia Snavelly, organ

*~ Departing to Service ~*



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**UPCOMING WORSHIP**

**Sunday, May 12, 10 AM**

**Mother's Day**

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches  
"Everything You Have Given Me Is From You"  
John 17:6-19

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