# March 16, 2025



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live your faith

Romans 8:26-28; 35-39
Pastor Vicki McGaw

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

Also streaming live at YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch



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### **Second Sunday of Lent**

10 AM

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

**Centering Music** 

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (P. Beloe)

Marcia Snavely, organ

Evoking the Mystery

Come and Rest (Bell/McFee)

Sung: Come and rest; Come and listen

Lay the fullness of your lives before the Maker

Sung: Come and rest; Come and listen

There's a wisdom deep within that calls us closer

#### Silent Pause

Introit

Love the Gospel (Traditional Round) Federated Children's Choir Rosie Horvath, violin; Marcia Snavely, piano; Pat Haynish, director

**Examen** (responsive)

Ann Lentz

One: For that which, before, I thought was right . . .

All: Have mercy, God.

One: For that which, now, I regret . . .

All: Forgive me, God.

One: For that which, hence, I know not what to do . . .

All: Guide me, God.

One: Come and rest, come and listen. Know that grace, forgiveness and guidance are available to you at each and every moment that we turn to receive them.

All: Thanks be to God.

\* Hymn

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

No. 261

Message for the Young at Heart

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\* Passing of Christ's Peace

\* Those who are able stand

**Anthem**I Want to be Like Jesus (Cindy Berry)
Federated Children's Choir
Zoe LeFeber, flute; Marcia Snavely, piano; Pat Haynish, director
(Children K-8 leave for Sunday School)

Seeking God's Word Romans 8:26-28; 35-39 Ann Lentz

**Hymn** Kyrie Eleison No. 298

**Homily** Pastor McGaw

**Hymn of Response** Breathe on Me, Breath of God No. 254

Generosity Impact Moment Ann Lentz

Invitation to Generosity Ann Lentz

Offertory

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Appointment with God** 

Pastor McGaw

Sung: Meet me here; find me in my wanderings Meet me here; deep within my soul

Closing Prayer and Lord's Prayer (unison)

Ann Lentz

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.

# **Commissioning of Lay Leaders**

Pastor McGaw

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.

**Announcements** Pastor McGaw

\* **Hymn** O God, Beloved, Dwell in Me (S. Kawolics) [words on screen]

\* Commissioning and Benediction Pastor McGaw

**Postlude** Trumpet Voluntary (T. Pavlechko) Marcia Snavely, organ

~ Departing to Service~

**Lenten Challenge:** As a Creation Justice Church, we invite the whole congregation to commit to Creation Stewardship as a spiritual practice. For 40 days, please choose at least one habit to change in support of God's Creation. Write your new commitment on a "leaf" to add to our Creation Care Tree in the Fellowship Hall. Suggestions provided. Creation stewards will be there to guide you.

# **UPCOMING WORSHIP**

Sunday, March 23rd, 10 AM
Third Sunday of Lent
Rev. Betsy Wooster preaches
Finding Your Mystic: Listening Beyond Our Voices