

March 22, 2026



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Full to the Brim: Brazen Acts of Beauty

John 12:1-8

Pastor Vicki McGaw

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

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

10 AM

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

Prelude *More Love to Thee, O Christ* (arr. J. Evanovich) Marcia Snavelly, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Vicki McGaw

Introit *Said Judas to Mary* (Sydney Carter, arr. David Sims) Liturgical Dancers;
Federated Choir;
Marcia Snavelly, piano

* **Call to Worship** Al Woehrlle

One: May we find courage here . . . courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.

All: May we find hope here . . . hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.

One: May we find truth here . . . truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.

All: May we find all that we seek. And in our seeking, may we know God.

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

Prayer of Confession Pastor McGaw

One: Jesus of Nazareth, we admit that often we tuck our faith into our pockets, hiding it in a place of comfort rather than proudly declaring that yes, we are Christians, yes we believe, yes this faith has changed us.

All: We are so afraid of offending others or embarrassing ourselves that we have established rules:

One: No faith at the dinner table, no faith in politics, no faith with strangers. Forgive us for whispering when we could be singing. Forgive us for staying quiet when we could be part of rewriting the narrative.

All: We want to be brave, Holy One. We want to pour out perfume over your feet. Grant us courage we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Pastor McGaw

One: Friends, hear this good news: even in our silence, God loves us. Even in our fear or shame, God chooses us. Even when we sin, God wraps us in grace. You are free to be bold, to be brazen, to be exactly who God called you to be.

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Message for the Young at Heart

Pastor McGaw

* Passing of Christ's Peace

(Children through grade 8 are dismissed to Sunday School)

* Praise Response

Full to the Brim (Paul Demer)

[words on screen]

**Lord, your love is full to the brim; Lord, your love's a cup running over.
Lord, your loving heart is a river that rolls over us
And calls us to join in the stream. You call us to dream what you dream.**

Prayer for Illumination

Al Woehrle

Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8

Al Woehrle

Sermon

Pastor McGaw

Hymn of Response

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

No. 606

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Al Woehrle

Invitation to Generosity

Pastor McGaw

Anthem

How Beautiful the Feet of Those (Joseph Martin)

Federated Choir;
Marcia Snavely, piano

* Doxology

tune: BEECHER



This Sanctuary is equipped with a **Hearing Loop system** that works with all **Telecoil-equipped hearing aids** to amplify sound with excellent clarity.

Lavish love, abundant beauty, gracious gifts for heart and hand,
Life that fills the soul and senses all burst forth at your command.
Lord eternal, great Creator, source of love, our God and friend,
Boundless pow'r gives full expression to your love which knows no end.

- * **Prayer of Dedication** Pastor McGaw
- * **Closing Hymn** *Sacred the Body (Duck/Miller)* [words on screen]
- * **Commissioning and Benediction** Pastor McGaw

- Postlude** Finale in C Minor (S. Saxton) Marcia Snaveley, organ

~ Departing to Service ~

UPCOMING WORSHIP

March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday
Pastor Vicki McGaw preaches