

September 27, 2026



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By What Authority?

Matthew 21:23-32

Rev. Michael A. Howard

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

Also streaming live at YouTube.com/TheFederatedChurch



September 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM

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

Prelude

Waterfall (David & Nicole Binion)

RISE to Shine Band

Announcements & Welcome

Rev. Michael A. Howard

* Call to Worship

Karissa Piper

One: Christ calls us on; the road is new.

All: Grace makes a way and leads us through.

One: Hearts can be changed; our lives can be turned.

All: Come, walk the Way; there's more to be learned.

Opening Hymn

Graves Into Gardens (Elevation Worship)

RISE to Shine Band

* Prayer for Truth

Karissa Piper

One: God of truth, you call us to follow, but sometimes we would rather stay where we are.

All: Unbind us from whatever keeps us from following.

One: When pride keeps us from changing our minds—

All: Give us humility to listen again.

One: When fear keeps us from changing our ways—

All: Give us courage to take another step.

One: When our words say yes, but our lives say no—

All: Turn our hearts toward the way of Christ.

(Moment of Silence)

* Words of Grace

One: Hear the Good News: Our first answer does not have to be our final answer. God's mercy meets us again and again, loosening what has become bound and opening another way before us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and free to begin again.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Those who are able stand

* **Passing of Christ's Peace**

(Children Grades K-8 are dismissed to Sunday School)

* **Praise Response**

I've Got Peace Like A River

No. 531 v.1

*I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace
like a river in my soul. (Repeat)*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:23-32

Karissa Piper

Sermon

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Rev. Howard

Congregational Prayer

Rev. Howard

Invitation to Generosity

Anthem

Throne Room Song (People & Songs)

RISE to Shine Band

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, who calls us on the way;
Praise Christ, who leads us day by day;
Praise Holy Spirit, making one
A people through whom God's will is done.*

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Howard

* **Closing Hymn**

The Summons (John Bell)

[words on screen]

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

Rev. Howard

Postlude

God Is In This Story (Katy Nichole)

RISE to Shine Band

Depart in Peace

Now, go in love to serve.



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



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
INSTALLATION

OF

Rev. Michael
Anthony Howard

SENIOR PASTOR

Join us as we celebrate and give thanks for the installation of Rev. Michael Anthony Howard as Senior Pastor of Federated Church.

This special service marks a new chapter in our shared ministry and our continued commitment to living out our faith together as a community of welcome, purpose, and love.



SUNDAY
OCTOBER 11
10:00 AM



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76 BELL STREET
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ALL ARE WELCOME!
COME WORSHIP,
CELEBRATE, AND BE
A PART OF THIS
JOYFUL OCCASION.

FAITH | PEOPLE | PURPOSE | COMMUNITY

UPCOMING WORSHIP

October 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday

Rev. Michael Anthony Howard preaches

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