



**First Congregational
Church of Tallmadge**

A United Church of Christ Congregation

*No matter who you are, or where you are on
life's journey, you are welcome here.*



**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 23, 2020
10:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE

When In Our Music God Is Glorified - Stanford/Hobby
Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

GREETING

Liturgist

PASTORAL SHARING

Pastor Dave

OPENING PRAYER

Leader and People

Leader: Let us pray.....

Everyone: God of the past, present, and future, we gather
this day full of hope and seeking your peace.

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Everyone: We gather this day to celebrate the gift of knowledge and education. Bless our schools and places of learning. We gather this day to celebrate the achievements of young people and to encourage their learning and service to others. As we worship, we ask your blessing to be with all churches and with all people of faith everywhere. Help us to let go of those things and situations that confine us to this world, and to embrace the transformation of our souls in accordance with your will and your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Please stand if you are able.)

HYMN

"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

(This hymn is from the Worship and Rejoice Hymnal, # 9)

VERSE 1

Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God acclaim,
His greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name.
Lift high your song, before his throne to whom alone all praise belongs.

VERSE 2

In worship bow the knee, our glorious God confess;
The great Creator, God, the Lord of Righteousness
God reigns unseen; God's flock he feeds and gently leads in pastures green.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Max Drummond — Atwood and Watts Memorial Scholarships

Charlotte Scherer — Gilbert, Neitz, and Boschert Memorial Scholarships

Lindsay Williams — Heritage and Woods Memorial Scholarships

Riley Williams — Holcomb, Schwendeman, and Starkey Memorial Scholarships

YOUTH SONG

“Life Is Good (Eternal Life Is Better)” — Stellar Kart

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Lector

Epistle Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20

The word of God for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

MESSAGE

"Do Not Conform; Be Transformed"

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hymn of Promise - Sleeth/Larson

Solo: Lindsay Williams

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

using "debts" and "debtors"

(Please stand if you are able.)

HYMN

"We've a Story To Tell To the Nations"

(this hymn is from the Worship and Rejoice Hymnal, #562)

VERSE 1

We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright;
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

VERSE 2

We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigns high above
Has sent us His Son to save us, and show us that God is love,
And show us that God is love.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright;
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

OFFERING BLESSING & BENEDICTION

Pastor Dave

CONGREGATION RESPONSE

(sung or said)

*"Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you, each hour of every day.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love."*

POSTLUDE

Gaudeamus Igitur - arr. Mansfield
Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSIDE WORSHIP

“Inside Worship” will continue next Sunday, August 30th at 10 AM in the Sanctuary. Parking Lot Worship will take place at the same time. Attendees can tune in to FM 103.1, or listen over the outside speaker system. We will also broadcast on Facebook Live and display the worship service on our FCC Website later in the week. Please download the Facebook app on your phone ahead of time if you wish to view the service from your car. The atrium and worship sanctuary will be available for use. First Congregational Church Protocol mandates that everyone must wear masks and sanitize at one of the stations or wash hands in the atrium restrooms upon entry. Pew seating will be socially distanced.

PARKING LOT SERVICE

Those joining us for Parking Lot Worship should park in the front of the parking lot in order to hear the service transmission more clearly. If you’d like to get out of your vehicle, we invite you to put a folding chair anywhere outside, but please make sure to keep socially distanced from others. Please leave the parking lot at the direction of the parking lot attendants. An offering container is available as you leave if you wish to contribute to our services.

SURVEY

A congregational survey developed by our Reverence Team was sent out by email and post on Tuesday, August 4th. Please submit your responses by August 24th. Contact the church office if you did not receive a survey.

THANK YOU

Thanks to our worship servants today—worship participants, tech support, parking lot helpers, staff, advertising, worship leaders, trustees, and production crew.

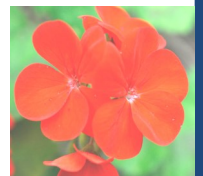
We thank our Ushers for today’s service: Terri Poff, George & Roberta Nehrenz, Gary Marlow. Thanks to our Liturgist Rebecca Moore.

ALTAR FLOWERS



Today’s Altar Flowers were provided by Jim Chapman.

Dedicated to Noma Spencer, “Remembering Our Love”



ACME COMMUNITY CASH BACK

Acme Community Cash Back is now in progress. It started August 6 and will run through December 26. Start saving those tapes. Last year Women's Fellowship received \$800 back from Acme which goes back into the church when needed. We hope to receive more this year. The box will be in the same place at the church for your tapes, or you can just keep them until December and bring them in at that time. Thank you, thank you.



THE PRAYER CHAIN CONNECTION

Our Prayer Chain has grown to 11 members dedicated to service through praying. We pray for the names listed below and also for many other church members and their concerns, which remain confidential. You may call or text Diana Caldwell with your prayer concerns @ 330-265-5723.

Bless be God who did not refuse me the kindness I sought in prayer. Psalm 66:20

Noreen Ashley	Bev Haught	Ronda Read
Tim Ashley	James Hedden	Barbara Sherrick
Biff Baker	(friend of Bonnie Fordham)	(Jim Harris's sister)
Janette Beckwith	Jan Hetzel	C.J. Smith
Marilyn Berta	Donnie Joyner	Betty Vestal
(Coletta Spoler's daughter)	Zell Lambert	Alzheimer's Care Giver Support
Bea Clarke	Jim Mayfield	Group
Jackie Fabrezewski	Hannah McConihe	Confidential Names on our
(Esposito's daughter)	Katie Moore	Prayer Lists
Betty Gulledge	David & Jackie Parker	
Marianne Hannum	Ed Powell	
	(Sharon Letzler's brother)	