



PROTECTING GOD'S EARTH  
*Youth Sunday*

**First  
Congregational Church  
of Tallmadge**  
*United Church of Christ*

**Sunday, April 28, 2024  
10:00 A.M.**

**WELCOME**

**LITURGY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

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

*The chimes call us to a time of worship*

**GREETING**

Anne Pertick

**PRELUDE**

*"Here I Am to Worship"* — Hughes/Tornquist

Piano: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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**INTROIT**

Bobby Higham

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Holy One,

**Congregation: who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: As we have gathered here to worship, let us stand  
and greet one another in the love of Christ.

(Please stand.)

## **\*GATHERING SONG #652**

*"This Is the Day"*

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*This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;*

*we will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.*

*This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

*This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made.*

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 19)**

Cadence Ickes

**One:** The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**All:** **Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

**One:** There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.

**All:** **Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

**One:** Praise to you, O God, Lord and Giver of Life. Your love sustains planet earth and by your hand all things living are fed.

**All:** **Forgive our neglect and abuse of your gifts.**

**One:** Help us to serve, defend, defend and restore your creation.

**All:** **Help us care for your people. Help us care for the earth.**

# \*OPENING HYMN #352

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

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## Spirit Song

*Unison*

Gmaj7 Gmaj7 F# Em7 A7 A7/G

1 O let the Son of God en-fold you with his  
 2 (O come and) sing this song with glad-ness as your

F#m7 Bm7 Em7

Spir - it and his love. Let him fill your heart and  
 hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet sur -

A7 D Dmaj7 Em7 F#m7 Gmaj7 Gmaj7 F#

sat - is - fy your soul. O let him have the things that  
 ren - der to his name. O give him all your tears and

Em7 A7 A7/G F#m7 Bm7

hold you, and his Spir - it like a dove will de -  
 sad - ness; give him all your years of pain, and you'll

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# \*OPENING HYMN #352

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

scend up - on your life and make you whole.  
en - ter, in - to life in Je - sus' name.

Chords: Em7, G6/A, G/A, A7, D, C/D, D

**Refrain**

Je - sus, O Je - sus,

Chords: Gmaj7, A7, A9/G, F#m7, Bm

come and fill your lambs.

Chords: Em7, A7, Dmaj7, C/D, D

Je - sus, O Je - sus,

Chords: Gmaj7, A7, A9/G, F#m7, Bm

come and fill your lambs. 2 O come and

Chords: Em7, G6/A, G/A, D

## **\*OPENING PRAYER**

Joey Dodge

Creator of the earth and all living things, maker of the sky and the air and the breath of life, God of all that is: we are your servant people, created out of the clay of the earth itself. We forget that we are your creatures and we play at being gods. We neglect the work of stewardship that you have provided for our occupation and our joy. We have used, abused, and abandoned those things that you have created for your delight. You have created a fragile world in a perfect and delicate balance. Thinking too much of our own importance we have upset the balance. We ask your forgiveness, Holy and Righteous God. We yearn to join with the mountains and valleys, the rocks and the birds of the wild ocean waters in singing your praises. Amen

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Piano Solo"*

- Corey Cammel

## **A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Meredith Treen and Laini Scherer

## **WE LIFT OUR PRAISE AND PRAYER TO GOD**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Cantate Domino"*

*(O Sing Ye to the Lord)*

Saxophone Duet: Joey and Lucas Dodge

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## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Cadence Ickes

# **HYMN OF CENTERING**

*“Firm Foundation”  
(Maverick City Music)*

## **HEARING GOD’S WORD FOR THE DAY**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS / MESSAGE**

*“Protecting God’s Earth”*  
- Camryn Ickes, Tapanga Ross, Amelia Ross

## **THE OFFERING**

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### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Cadence Ickes

### **OFFERTORY**

*“In Christ Alone (My Home Is Found)”* - Getty/Townsend  
Solo : Ella Bozic  
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(Please stand.)

### **\*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.*

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Emma Bozic

As we care for your creation, provide us with the humility and curiosity needed to continually learn about the marvels of your works, and to deepen our understanding of how our actions, good and bad, affect all of creation. We ask your blessing on these gifts, the intentions we offer here today, and of those across the church and beyond for the healing of our Mother Earth. Amen.

## **\*CLOSING HYMN #471**

*“As the Deer”*

(words and music on the following page)

**WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

Bobby Higham

## **\*CONGREGATION RESPONSE**

*“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.”*

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## **POSTLUDE**

*“Great Is the Lord” — Smith/Hayes*

Piano: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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# As the Deer

Unison **D** **A** **Bm** **Dsus** **D**  
**A** **A**

1 As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my  
 2 I want you more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly  
 3 You're my friend and you are my broth - er, e - ven

**G** **A7sus** **A7** **D** **G** **A7** **D** **A**  
**A** **C#**

soul longs af - ter you; you a - lone are my  
 you can sat - is - fy; you a - lone are the  
 though you are a king; I love you more than

**Bm** **Dsus** **D** **G** **Asus** **A7** **D**  
**A** **A**

heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.  
 real joy-giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.  
 an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y - thing!

**Refrain** **Bm** **Bm** **G** **D** **G** **Bm**  
**A** **A** **F#** **F#**

You a - lone are my strength and shield; to you a - lone may my



Em F#sus F# D  $\frac{A}{C\#}$

spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

Bm  $\frac{Dsus}{A}$   $\frac{D}{A}$  G A7sus A7 D

heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

Tech : Lily Scherer and Lauren Scovern  
Ushers: Emma Bozic, Cadence Ickes, Meredith Treen, Lucas Dodge  
Greeters: Camryn Ickes, Laini Scherer, Amelia and Tapanga Ross  
Special Music: Joey and Lucas Dodge, Ella Bozic, Corey Cammel  
Visual Graphics: Cadence Ickes

Today's altar flowers are provided by Denise Haynes

"In Memory of Dianne Mowder Stimmel"



First Congregational Church of Tallmadge

Vacation  
Bible  
School

6-8  
PM

Monday, June 24 –  
Thursday, June 27

Age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE!



SUMMER MISSION TRIP

JUNE 2024

FCC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Potluck Lunch

Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> | 12 PM

Bring a covered dish and/or dessert to share.  
Sign up in the atrium!

## THE PRAYER CHAIN CONNECTION

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**

*Dorothy Achimasi  
Cheyenne Andrews (Lucy Larson's mom)  
Brad Ashley  
Noreen Ashley  
Tim Ashley  
Marilyn Berta  
Rob Broocker (Cousin of Kristin Yoho)  
Steve Burr  
Jim Caplinger  
Scott and Connie Carter (relatives of Rev. Ed and Carol Carter)  
Jim and Bonnie Collinson (friends of Connie Mason)  
Devin Devies (grandson of Patty Calvarese)  
Baby Matthew Engel  
Roger Fendenheim (friend of Joe Labay)  
Eleanor Hall*

*Alleen Hilbish  
Kenneth Holt  
Sandi Hughes  
Zell Lambert  
Bill Laymon  
Walt and Margie Nicholson  
Marie O'Neil  
LTJG John Norton (Connie Stone's Grandson)  
David & Jackie Parker  
Paulina Rodriguez (friend of Kim Stock)  
Dr. Mike Shimmel (friend of Sandy Farabee)  
John Triola (friend of Joe Labay)  
Richard Thomason  
Alzheimer's Care Giver Support Group  
Confidential Names on our Prayer List*

**Sundays**

**APRIL** | **MAY**

**28**  
Youth Sunday

**5**  
Confirmation Sunday

**12**  
Graduation & Scholarship

**19**  
Appreciation & Pentecost

**WHAT'S COMING UP...**

Rev. Daniel J. Doty, *Senior Minister*  
Nancy Lynn Robinson, *Choir Director/Organist*  
Wendy Brown, *Director of Family Ministries*

**IN PERSON | PARKING LOT | ONLINE WORSHIP**  
SUNDAYS AT 10:00 AM

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 am—3:00 pm  
Friday: 9:00 am—12:00 pm

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