



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

**Sunday, May 12, 2024
10:00 A.M.**

WELCOME

LITURGY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Liturgist: Missy Newcomer

"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

Liturgist

PRELUDE

"Sing Praise to God" - Paxton

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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INTROIT

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**

Liturgist

One: Blessed are those who do not walk in step with the wicked,

All: but who camp out against systems of oppression.

One: Blessed are those who do not walk in step with the wicked,

All: but who keep out the harbingers of empire.

One: Blessed are those who do not walk in step with the wicked,

All: but who keep one another safe

One: for they are in lock-step with liberation

All: and they are the People of God.

*OPENING HYMN #477

PRAYER & DEVOTION

477 Come and Find the Quiet Center

F $\frac{Gm}{F}$ F Dm B \flat $\frac{C}{B\flat}$ B \flat F

1 Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd - ed life we lead,
 2 Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
 3 In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's pain,

F $\frac{Gm}{F}$ F Dm $\frac{Dm}{C}$ B \flat $\frac{C}{B\flat}$ B \flat F

find the room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are freed:
 God it is who speaks and names us, knows our be - ing, touch - es base,
 let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain:

F $\frac{C}{E}$ C $\frac{C}{E}$ Dm Am $\frac{F}{A}$ B \flat

clear the cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see
 mak - ing space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun,
 there's a place for deep - est dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care,

C Dm $\frac{Dm}{C}$ B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm7 Am $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ F

all the things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
 rais - ing cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
 in the Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare!

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray (1931 -)

MUSIC: Attr. B. F. White (1800-1879), *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; arr. Ronald A. Nelson (1927 -)

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BEACH SPRING

8.7.8.7.D.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Liturgist

God of Justice—we will not keep company with those who mock the sacredness of life! We will tune out their vitriol with our collective singing, for we delight in Liberating Love! Backers of colonialism—go home! We don't want you here! Repent and start anew! For we are guided by young people who refuse to heed the rules of those who have failed to protect them. We are guided by the courageous and tenderhearted, those who protect every child's right to flourish. May it be so. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Be Strong in the Lord" — Barrett

Bass Guitar: Al Lytle Chancel Choir, Director: Nancy Lynn Robison

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A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WE LIFT OUR PRAISE AND PRAYER TO GOD

Naming our Prayers before God

Moments of Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer w/ Lord's Prayer (using debts/debtors)

HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR THE DAY

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON Acts 1:1-11 NRSV

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

***HYMN OF PREPARATION #429**

"If You Will Trust in God to Guide You"
(words and music on the following page)

If You Will Trust in God to Guide You 429

Gm $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ D Gm $\frac{Dm}{F}$ Eb Cm6 D Bb Cm

1 If you will trust in God to guide you, and hope in
 2 God will embrace your pain and weep-ing, your help-less
 3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un-swerv-ing; so do your

D $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ Cm D Gm $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ D Gm $\frac{Dm}{F}$ Eb Cm6

God through all your ways, God will give strength, what-e'er be-
 an-ger and dis-tress. If you are in God's care and
 own part faith-ful-ly, and trust God's word; though un-de-

D Bb Cm D $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ Cm D Gm D Gm F

tide you, and bear you through the e-vil days. Who trusts in
 keep-ing, in sor-row will God love you less? For Christ, who
 serv-ing, you'll find God's prom-ise true to be. God nev-er

Bb $\frac{Bb}{D}$ Eb F7 Bb F Gm D Eb Cm D Gm

God's un-chang-ing love builds on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross, will bring you safe through ev-ery loss.
 will for-sake in need the soul that trusts in God in-deed.

WORDS: Georg Neumark (1621-1681);
 vs. 1, 3 tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.; vs. 2 tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919-), alt.
 MUSIC: Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

NEUMARK
 9.8.9.8.8.8.

GOSPEL LESSON John 17.6-19 NRSV

⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

SERMON

"Guided in Prayer"

- Rev. Daniel Doty

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES/SCHOLARSHIPS

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

- Kyle Herron

Joey Dodge, *Cuyahoga Falls High School*

RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

— Missy Newcomer

Allison Byron

Madalyn Parry

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Happy the Home When God Is There” - Dykes/Linker

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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GIVE ONLINE HERE



(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

Holy Spirit—undo, unlearn, unravel every lie of colonialism we have been taught, every legacy of violence passed down. Shake out the dusty logic of empire, pour into us the refreshing splendor of interdependence, of belonging to one another. Bless our offerings to our unfolding dreams. Amen.

WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

*CLOSING HYMN #480

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

(words and music on the following page)

Open My Eyes, That I May See 480

Ab Eb7 Bb Eb7 Ab

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth you have for me;
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth you send so clear;
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where;

C7 G Fm C7 E Fm C7 Fm Bb7 Bb Gm Bb7 Eb

place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - lock and set me free.
 and while the mes - sage sounds in my ear, ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
 o - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with your chil - dren thus to share.

Ab Eb7 Bb Eb7 Ab

Si - lent - ly now, on bend - ed knee, read - y I wait your will to see;

Ab Ab7 C Db Eb7 Db Eb Ab

o - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 o - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 o - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

*BENEDICTION

*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.”

Go Now in Peace—Besig, © Harold Flammer Music, A division of Shawnee Press, Inc.

POSTLUDE

“God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him” - arr. Hamlin

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

Tech Team: Tim Burns, Anne Perick, Ann Holt

Liturgist: Missy Newcomer

Ushers: Sandy Haydu, Karen Huth, Kim Fulton, Jane Charles

Greeters: Margarete Boschert and Donna Phillips



SUMMER MISSION TRIP

JUNE 2024

Sundays
MAY

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Graduation & Scholarship Appreciation & Pentecost

WHAT'S COMING UP...

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF TALLMADGE

Summer
WORSHIP
Schedule

SUNDAYS
@ 9:30 AM
Beginning June 2

JUNE | JULY | AUGUST



Men's Prayer Breakfast
MAY 25 | 9AM

Congratulations to our 2024 Graduate, Joey Dodge

Joey has been involved in the church for many years. He has been active in the youth group and the music program too. He is the oldest son of Kenny and Cindy Dodge graduating from Cuyahoga Falls High School.




On Holy Ground

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. We will dedicate our Strengthen the Church Offering on May 26, 2024.



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WAYS TO GIVE
at FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF TALLMADGE

- In Person
- Automatic Giving
- Online Banking
- Online
- Mobile
- Text

FCC Women's Fellowship
JUNE LUNCHEON

La Terraza
Mexican Bar & Grill
(3975 Cascades Blvd)

Thursday, June 6 | 12 PM

A top-down photograph of a wooden surface with a bunch of uncooked spaghetti, a small bowl of red sauce, and two whole tomatoes. The text "FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SPAGHETTI DINNER" is overlaid in white.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
**SPAGHETTI
DINNER**

Join us for our last Spaghetti Dinner of the season, Thursday, May 16 4:30—7:00 PM. We will not have a special entrée this month.

To-go orders call: 330-630-0704

Congratulations to our 2024 Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Allison Byron

Allison currently attends Kent State University as a Fashion Design major. She will be a junior in the fall. Allison is the 2024 recipient of the **Pat Holcomb, Stanley and Daisy Watts, and Richard and JoAnn Wood** Scholarships.



Madalyn Parry

Madalyn currently attends Johns Hopkins University as an Education Policy major. She will continue her graduate work in the fall. Madalyn is the 2024 recipient of the **Geneva Wright Atwood, Heritage, and Margaret Starkey** Scholarships.

A Note Regarding the Scholarship Application:

Candidates were asked to respond to ONE of the following prompts, which was worth 40 points toward their overall scores:

In Isaiah we hear the prophet “speak” in God’s voice: “What I’m interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families. Do this and the lights will turn on, and your lives will turn around at once” (Isaiah 58.7-8a, The Message). This is a call to be in service to others. How will you enact this in this next phase of your spiritual journey? How do you plan to live this out in your educational setting?

In today’s hyper-partisan world, how do we rekindle the ability to cooperate and compromise? How do we build the capacity to really listen to one another and honor each other’s opinion? What biblical stories or characters might help you fashion your answer?

Take your favorite bible verse and fashion a creative piece to depict your verse. Your creative piece could be a poem or a piece of artwork, or you could write a hymn based on the verse, etc. Let your creativity take flight as you express this verse.

Which would you choose, and how would you respond?

Contributions for Heritage Scholarships / Undesignated Scholarship Memorials

Arvay, Alan	Gelvin, Ruth	Schurm, Maurine
Arvay, Rev. A Arthur	Gilbert, Ann (Mrs. Kenneth)	Scott, Jeanne (Mrs. George)
Arvay, Lynne	Goff, Sara	Scoville, Charles
Atwood, Ernest Sackett	Gray, Alma	Scoville, Harry
Bailey, William	Grubb, Lois (Mrs. Harold)	Shaw, James
Beam, George & Mary	Hagaman, Edith	Shreve, William & Thelma
Becker, Betty Chrislip	Harroun, Almira	Spahr, Carl
Berger, Myree (Mrs. Ralph)	Hood, Deanna	Sperry, Stella
Berger, Ralph	Hopkins, Ray	Starcher, Gaynol
Bish, James & Derna	Howe, James	Stauffer, Cauldwell and Rose
Bisset, Louise	Huber, William & Madeline	Stewart, Grace (Mrs. Daniel)
Bryson, H. Edwin	Jones, Laura	Strott, Leona
Burgett, L & V	King, Roberta	Sylvester, Jean
Burket, William (family)	Kinsey, T.	Szalay, John
Carter, Rev. C. Edward	LeCount, Edna	Tefft, Jackie
Church Friends	Lyman, Mildred	Thompson, Art
Club Organization, Mr.& Mrs.	Mazzaferro, Steve	Vessey, Goldie
Cochran, James Sr.	McDonald, William	Viall, Mary
Cochran, Robert	Miller, Ann (Mrs. Delbert)	Vineyard, Dorothy Mae
Cully, Jean (Mrs. Donald)	Miller, Barbara Briggs	Wagner, Karen
Davidson, Zon	Miller, Norton	Waldorf, Ellen
Dove, Edward	Nagel, Jack	Warehime, Max
Drushal, Anna	Nicodemus, Gladys	Willgohs, Charles
Evans, Bessie	Ober, Wanda	Williams, Barbara
Farabee, Christopher	Patterson, Josephine "Jo"	Wolcott, Robert
Farabee, Ted	Point, William	Wolf, Lillian
Fenn, Mary (Mrs. Marshall)	Price, Dennis	
Fenn, Pauline	Price, Ruth	
Fenn, Warren	Reed, Esther	
Fenn-Monteith	Root, Gilbert	
Flower, Margaret	Ruiz, Rene	
Geiger, Charles	Schultz, Walter	

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
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
Mary Martin (friend of Joe Labay)
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



First Congregational Church of Tallmadge

Vacation Bible School

6-8
PM

Monday, June 24 –
Thursday, June 27

Age 4 through 5th grade

Register online today!

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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