

First Congregational of Tallmadge

United Church of Christ

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Liturgist: Missy Newcomer

WELCOME

LITURGY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"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

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PRELUDE

"Sing Praise to God" - Paxton Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson © 1972 Lorenz Publishing Co., All rights reserved.

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

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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

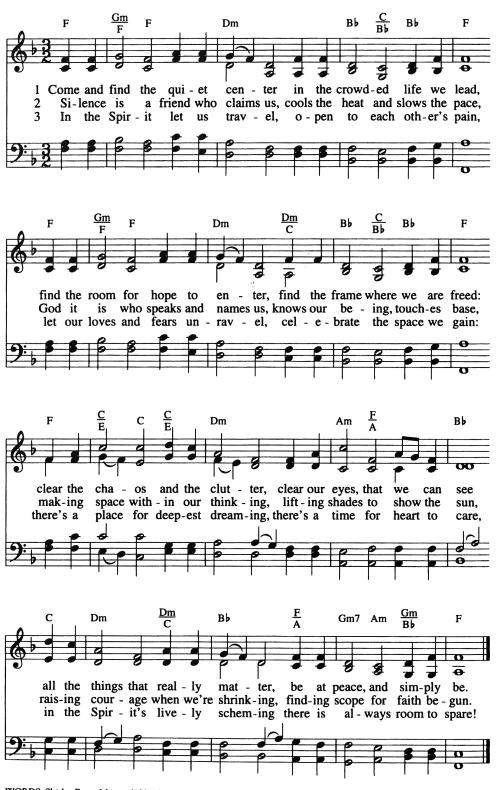
One: for they are in lock-step with liberation

All: and they are the People of God.

***OPENING HYMN #477**

PRAYER & DEVOTION

477 Come and Find the Quiet Center



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**

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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.'

⁶ So 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.'

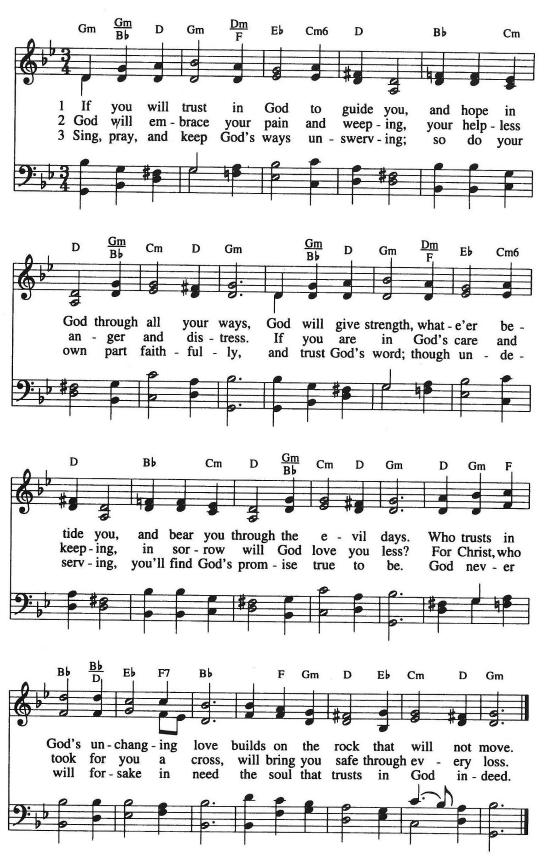
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Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

***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



WORDS: Georg Neumark (1621-1681);

vss. 1, 3 tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.; vs. 2 tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919-), alt.

MUSIC: Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

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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. ⁷Now 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And 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. ¹²While 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. ¹³But 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. ¹⁴I 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 am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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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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(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



WORDS and MUSIC: Clara H. Scott (1841-1897), alt.

OPEN MY EYES 8.8.9.8.8.8.4.

*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."

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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







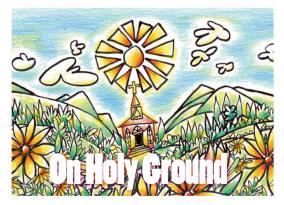
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Congratulations to our 2024 Graduate, Joey Dodge

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.





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.



















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.

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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

Arvay, Rev. A Arthur

Arvay, Lynne

Atwood, Ernest Sackett

Bailey, William

Beam, George & Mary

Becker, Betty Chrislip

Berger, Myree (Mrs. Ralph)

Berger, Ralph

Bish, James & Derna

Bisset, Louise

Bryson, H. Edwin

Burgett, L & V

Burket, William (family)

Carter, Rev. C. Edward

Church Friends

Club Organization, Mr.& Mrs.

Cochran, James Sr.

Cochran, Robert

Cully, Jean (Mrs. Donald)

Davidson, Zon

Dove, Edward

Drushal, Anna

Evans, Bessie

Farabee, Christopher

Farabee, Ted

Fenn, Mary (Mrs. Marshall)

Fenn, Pauline

Fenn, Warren

Fenn-Monteith

Flower, Margaret

Geiger, Charles

Gelvin, Ruth

Gilbert, Ann (Mrs. Kenneth)

Goff, Sara

Gray, Alma

Grubb, Lois (Mrs. Harold)

Hagaman, Edith

Harroun, Almira

Hood, Deanna

Hopkins, Ray

Howe, James

Huber, William & Madeline

Jones, Laura

King, Roberta

Kinsey, T.

LeCount, Edna

Lyman, Mildred

Mazzaferro, Steve

McDonald, William

Miller, Ann (Mrs. Delbert)

Miller, Barbara Briggs

Miller, Norton

Nagel, Jack

Nicodemus, Gladys

Ober, Wanda

Patterson, Josephine "Jo"

Point, William

Price, Dennis

Price, Ruth

Reed, Esther

Root, Gilbert

Ruiz, Rene

Schultz, Walter

Schurm, Maurine

Scott, Jeanne (Mrs. George)

Scoville, Charles

Scoville, Harry

Shaw, James

Shreve, William & Thelma

Spahr, Carl

Sperry, Stella

Starcher, Gaynol

Stauffer, Cauldwell and Rose

Stewart, Grace (Mrs. Daniel)

Strott, Leona

Sylvester, Jean

Szalay, John

Tefft, Jackie

Thompson, Art

Vessey, Goldie

Viall, Mary

Vineyard, Dorothy Mae

Wagner, Karen

Waldorf, Ellen

Warehime, Max

Willgohs, Charles

Williams, Barbara

Wolcott, Robert

Wolf, Lillian

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 requse 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)

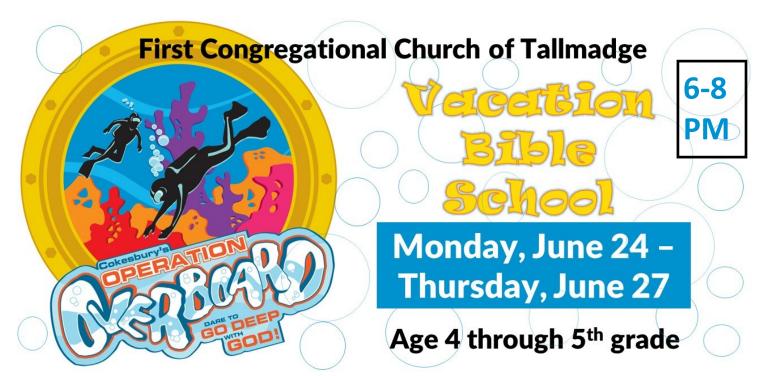
David & Jackie Parker

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



Register online today!

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

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