



First Congregational Church of Tallmadge
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Katie Higham and Cadence Ickes

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

WELCOME

The chimes call us to a time of worship

Greeting

Liturgist

Prelude

"Jesus Loves Me" - Bradbury/Payne

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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Introit

Leader:

Our help is in the name of the Holy One,
who made heaven and earth.

Congregation:

Leader:

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

(Please stand.)

* Gathering Song “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

73

Louise Ruspini; alt.

Ps. 100

Unison C FM7 C C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C

1 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter. re - joice. and come in.

To - day will be a joy - ful day; en-ter, re-joice, and come in.

The musical score is written for a unison voice part in 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, with lyrics '1 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter. re - joice. and come in.' The second staff contains the melody for the second line of the song, with lyrics 'To - day will be a joy - ful day; en-ter, re-joice, and come in.' Chord symbols are written above the notes: C, FM7, C, C7, FM7, Dm7, G7, and C.

*Call to Worship Liturgist

- One: We gather in the presence of an Extravagant God—
All: **who spreads out the lushness of the cosmos, and
blessed our becoming.**
- One: We gather today changed by moments of Awe—
All: **the wonder we witness calls us to the work of
mutuality,**
- One: for we are siblings on our beautiful, heartbroken planet
home.
- All: **Let us praise the God of Transformation**

*Opening Hymn

“Sing of God Made Manifest” vs. 1-2 # 247
(words and music on the following page)

247 Sing of God Made Manifest

D Bm $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G Asus A7 D $\frac{A7}{E}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em7 A D

1 Sing of God made man-i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
 2 Sing of God made man-i - fest when at Jor - dan John con-fessed,
 3 Sing, of God made man-i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
 4 Sing of God made man-i - fest on the cloud-capped moun-tain's crest,

D Bm $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G Asus A7 D $\frac{A7}{E}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em7 A D

to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid-ed them,
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where the law and proph-ets waned so that Christ a - lone re-mained:

A D F#m $\frac{Bm7}{D}$ E7 A Em Bm F#sus F#7 Bm

Ma - gi came and gifts un-bound, signs mys-te - rious and pro-found:
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove-like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love re-vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face

D G A Bm7 $\frac{E7}{B}$ A G D Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{Em7}{G}$ A D

myrrh and frank-in - cense and gold grave and God and King fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint-ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 towards the wait-ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw Jr. (1944-)

MUSIC: Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); arr. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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***Opening Prayer**

Liturgist

Wonderful Mystery, ground our bodies in the present moment, that we might experience your Love in ordinary and extraordinary ways. We desire not to be cynics, but to nurture the sense of wonder that was innate to us when we were children. Soothe that within us that desires numbing-out and awaken our senses to the miracle of being alive. Amen.

Anthem

"Ever in Joyful Song" - Berry

Chancel Choir, Director: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Children's Message

Wendy Brown

WE LIFT OUR PRAISE & PRAYER TO GOD

Naming our Prayers before God

Moments of Silent Prayer

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR THE DAY

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Psalm 2

- ¹ Why do the nations conspire,
and the peoples plot in vain?
- ² The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and his anointed, saying,
- ³ 'Let us burst their bonds asunder,
and cast their cords from us.'
- ⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the LORD has them in derision.
- ⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- ⁶ 'I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.'
- ⁷ I will tell of the decree of the LORD:
He said to me, 'You are my son;
today I have begotten you.
- ⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
- ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron,
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'
- ¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear,
with trembling ¹²kiss his feet,
or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way;
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Happy are all who take refuge in him.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

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*Hymn of Preparation

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" #245

(words and music on the following page)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17:1-9

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

Sermon

"Gifts That Keep on Giving: The Gift of the Unpredictable Jesus"

- Rev. Daniel Doty

245 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Unison
F Bb F Fmaj7 A Bbmaj7 C7 F Bb

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
2 Light ,breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the
3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

F C C7 F Bb F Fmaj7 A Bbmaj7 C7 F

ho - ly place, where we wait with hope and long - ing for some
flesh - joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the
faith de - cline, we, like Pe - ter, find it tempt - ing to re -

Bb Gm F C C7 F C E Dm F C C

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as - sur - ance
heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with won - der
main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us cour - age

Am7 Dm7 Gm F A Bdim7 C F Bb F

that our faith is not in vain, search - ing like those
how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with gar - ments
to pro - claim what we pro - fess, that our dai - ly

F Fmaj7 A Bbmaj7 C7 F7 Bb Gm7 F C C7 F

first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

GIVE ONLINE HERE



"Offertory" - John Ness Beck/Thewes

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**

**Bless our offerings—that rain might fall where it is needed.
That all might not simply survive, but bloom into a garden
abounding in beauty and love. Reside within us, Holy Spirit,
that wisdom and courage might guide us towards transfor-
mation. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

*Closing Hymn

"Sing of God Made Manifest" vs. 3-4 # 247

(words and music on page 3)

*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

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

- Joseph Haydn/Wold

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

Tech Team:	Vince Scovern, Diana Fiocca, Anne Pertick
Liturgists:	Katie Higham and Cadence Ickes
Ushers:	Larry Robinson, Jane Charles, Sandy Haydu, Gary Myers
Greeter:	Becky Michael

Today's Altar Flowers are provided by: The Drummonds

"Happy Valentine's Day!"

UPCOMING EVENTS



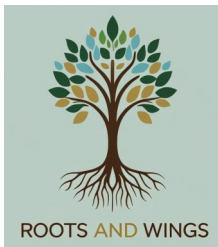
WINTER BOOK STUDY | WEDNESDAYS, 12PM, BEGINNING, JAN. 14

The Winter 2026 FCC Book Study will be a study of the book "Second Thoughts about Hell: Understanding What We Believe" by Ronald Allen and Robert Cornwall. Bring a lunch and bring a friend!



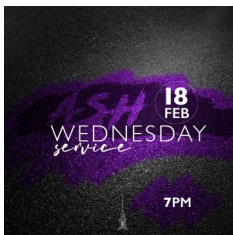
WINTER BIBLE STUDY | WEDNESDAYS, 1PM, BEGINNING, JAN. 14

The Winter 2026 Bible Study will continue its study of the Christian Scriptures in chronological order. The study will commence on Wednesday, January 14, and begin with 2 Corinthians. We will then go to James and finish with Colossians. See you there!



ROOTS AND WINGS | SUNDAY, FEB. 15, 4 PM

Roots and Wings is a fellowship group for grandparents and grandchildren to grow in faith and friendship together. This month's activity is a service project.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE | WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18, 7 PM

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18th. Begin your Lenten journey with you FCC Family at this special service, including the imposition of ashes.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MARCH LUNCH—PIZZA AND BUNCO

THURSDAY, MAR. 5, 12 PM

All women are invited to join us on the first Thursday in March, March 5th, at 12 PM in the fellowship hall for a pizza lunch and Bunco. Please bring a \$5 donation per person to help defray the cost of the pizza. Never played Bunco before? No worries—you'll pick it up fast and have a blast! **Sign up in the atrium** before or after church on Sundays: **2/15, 2/22, and 3/1.**

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

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SUNDAYS AT 10:00 AM

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Monday—Thursday: 9:00 am—3:00 pm
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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 2026

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a vital special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. It connects you to disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development efforts around the globe. When disasters strike, or when individuals are displaced due to violence or poverty, OGHS ensures immediate response and ongoing recovery.

Through your support, OGHS funds comprehensive development programs in areas such as healthcare, education, agriculture, food security, microfinancing, and women's empowerment. By partnering with Global Ministries and international response networks, OGHS maximizes its impact. Your contributions help

meet urgent needs while addressing the root causes of vulnerability, ensuring long-term, sustainable solutions for affected communities. We will target our Collection for March 15, 2026.



**One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING**

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*

Brad Ashley
Noreen Ashley
Tim Ashley
The Becking Family
Katie Ann Bickett
Margarete Boschert
Jim Brown
Patti Calvarese
Sue Canavan
Jim Caplinger
Mark Clark
Patty Conely
Rylin Davis and family
Barb Dolensky
Sean and Sara Doty
Elaine Engle

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Alleen Hilbish
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John James
Nancy Johnson
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