

Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 22, 2026 | 10:00 AM
Liturgist: Dave Hawley

WHAT'S THE LEAST
I CAN
BELIEVE
AND STILL BE A
CHRISTIAN?

What Brings Fulfillment?

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"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

"The Old Rugged Cross" - Bennard/Innes

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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(Please stand.)

***Call to Worship** Liturgist

One: O mortal, can these bones live?

All: **Only the Lord God knows.**

One: O people, hope in the Lord.

All: **With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power
to redeem. Let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn

"Now in the Days of Youth"

Now in the Days of Youth

Walter J. Mathams, 1913; alt.
Adapt. Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1992

Eccles. 12:1; 1 Cor. 16:13; Deut. 1:17-27

1 Now in the days of youth when life is filled with choice, when
2 Teach us to use our lives with pur - pose and with power for
3 Teach us to love in truth, to give and to re - ceive with
4 Teach - er, Cre - a - tor, God, en - fold us in your arms; be

hope and doubt touch ev - ery hour, when all thoughts find a voice,
vi - sions of a bet - ter world and for de - ci - sion's hour;
joy - ful and with o - pen hearts, with all that we be - lieve;
with us as we try our wings, and keep us safe from harm.

We turn, O God, to you for guid - ance and for grace. In
To choose the way of life, re - ject the way of death, un -
To seek an - oth - er's good, to hon - or what is right, to
All good and per - fect gifts come to us from your hand. O

all our days, in all our ways, help us to seek your face.
til the ra - dian - t force of God fills mind and strength and breath.
let our will and our de - sire be held in ho - ly light.
help us use them care - ful - ly and live by love's com - mand.

When the Rev. Walter J. Mathams of London wrote this hymn for use at Christian Endeavor and Sunday School conventions, he did not realize it would receive wide circulation. It was introduced in the United States in 1913 in *Worship and Song*.

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.
George J. Elvey, 1868

***Call to Confession**

***Opening Prayer**

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

***Passing the Peace**

One: As a forgiven and reconciled people - let us offer signs of Christ's peace to one another

Greeting: "The peace of Christ be with you!"

Response: "And also with you"

Anthem

"In the Name of the Lord" - Sandi Patty/McDonald

Chancel Choir, Director: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Children's Message

Special Music

"I Need Thee Every Hour" - arr. Crockett

Solo: Connie Stone

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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 130

- ¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.
- ² Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!
- ³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
- ⁴ But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.
- ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
- ⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.
- ⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!

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For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

*Hymn of Preparation

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” vs. 1-2 #273

(words and music on the following page)

Gospel Lesson: John 13:1-5, 13-17

¹ Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to God. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

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Refrain (Unison)

D A7
E

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love,

A A7
E A D Em
G A7 D

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

D Bm Em Em
G A7

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neighbors are wealth - y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

D D
F# Bm Em
G A7 D *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race, neighbors are near us and far a - way.
 love, all these are neighbors to us and you.
 feet, this is the way we should live with you.

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CHEREPONI
 Irregular

Sermon

*"What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?:
Jesus' Example: What Brings Fulfillment?"* - Rev. Daniel Doty

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"O Rest in the Lord" - F. Mendelssohn

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 God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, flesh and bone in the body of Christ. As you have delivered us from death, use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

*Closing Hymn

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” vs. 3-4
(words and music on page 6)

*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

“Steadfast in Faith” - Broughton

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

Tech Team:	Diana Fiocca, Ann Hagan, Anne Pertick
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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*

The Ashley Family

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Alzheimer's Care Giver Support Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS



2026 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS: 2026 Memorial Scholarship Applications are now available online. All parts of the application are due on Thursday, April 2nd, by 3:00 pm.



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The 2nd and 3rd grade Sunday school class will be touring the Ronald McDonald House on April 19th. Please bring your pop tabs in by then so we can donate them that day.

Questions: Dianne Drummond 330-701-8231.

Easter Special Music Donation 2026

The 10:00 AM Easter service on April 5 will feature a brass quintet sponsored by our "Special Music Fund." Please consider contributing to this fund as a memorial or honorary gift. Simply fill out this form, then place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office with your check made out to First Congregational Church of Tallmadge. In the memo line at the bottom of your check, please write "Easter Special Music Donation." Names of those honored will be listed in the bulletin.

Forms must be returned to the office by March 22nd.

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

If you are ordering flowers and donating money for music, PLEASE PROVIDE 2 SEPARATE CHECKS

Message _____



Returning to Our Roots Giving Wall: Our confirmands and their leaders are heading to Boston next month as they begin a special journey to explore the roots of our ancestors. We invite you to support them through our Returning to Our Roots Giving Wall. Simply choose an envelope and donate the amount listed. Envelopes can be placed in the offering plate, in the designated collection box, or returned to Anne Perlick in the church office. You are also encouraged to leave a note of encouragement for our youth travelers. Thank you for supporting our confirmands as they take part in this important journey of faith and discovery.



Tallmadge Good Neighbors will give gift cards to families in need of assistance at this time of year. Gift cards from grocery stores and department stores like Walmart, Target, and Meijer would be appreciated. In order to support these families, please bring gift cards to church and put them in the offering plate or give them to Cathy in the office by March 30th.

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

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