

Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 19, 2026 | 10:00 AM
Liturgist: Missy Newcomer



“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

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” - Bourgeois/Burkhardt

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** *"This Is the Day"* #652

*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: We worship today in the presence of the God beyond
 knowing;

All: Yet whom we know.

One: We worship a God who is beyond understanding;

All: Yet who understands us.

One: We worship a God whose thoughts are not our thoughts;

All: Whose ways are not our ways;

One: In the presence of the Unknowing and the Knowing, the
 Incomprehensible and the Comprehending.

**All: We worship with all of our heart, soul, mind
 and strength.**

All: Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" # 68

GOD OF LOVE & MERCY

68 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

D A7 D A D G D $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise to thee an al - tar, hith - er by thy help I've come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

D A7 D A D G D $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee;

$\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D F#m G D $\frac{G}{D}$ D $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D F#m G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God;
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

D A7 D A D G D $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

praise his name - I'm fixed up - on it - name of God's re - deem - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson (1735-1790)
 MUSIC: John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813

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***Opening Prayer** Liturgist

Holy God, weave praise into the fabric of our days so our lives become a blessing to others. Weave peace into our words and deeds so hatred and anger are disarmed. Weave love into our work so accomplishments are filled with humility. Weave kindness into our actions so the world becomes a joyous place to live. Weave hope into every encounter so we may testify to God's continuing resurrection. Weave songs into our worship so our morning might echo in praise to God. Amen.

Anthem

"All Heaven Declares" - arr. Fettke

Chancel Choir, Director: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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There is no Children's message today, the children can leave and go to WAM at this time.

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 46:1-7

God's Defense of His City and People

To the leader. Of the Korahites. According to Alamo. A Song.

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
- ³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
- ⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.
- ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

*Hymn of Preparation

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" #132

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:22-31

²² He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn,

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132 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Chords: Bb, F7/A, Bb, Eb, Bb/D, Cm7, F7, Bb

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart,
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Did you not bid us love you, God and King,
 4 Teach me to feel that you are al - ways nigh;
 5 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

Chords: Gm, A, A7/C#, Dm, G7/D, F/C, Gm/C, C7, F

free it from sin, through all its puls - es move.
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 love you with all our heart and strength and mind?
 teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

Chords: F, F7, Eb/F, F7, Eb/F, F7, Eb/F, F7

Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as you are,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies,
 I see your cross - there teach my heart to cling,
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

Chords: Bb, F7/C, Bb/D, Eb(♯), Eb, Bb/F, Eb/G, Bb/F, F7, Bb

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek you and O let me find!
 teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

WORDS: George Croly (1780-1860), alt.
 MUSIC: Frederick C. Atkinson (1841-1897)

MORECAMBE
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and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

Sermon

“What—Me Worry?”

- Rev. John Phillips

THE OFFERING

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Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“We Know That Christ Is Raised” - Cherwien

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**

We give to you, dear Lord, not because we may but because we must. You have poured out your generosity upon us without restraint. You not only have given us life but also you have given us Christ our Savior whose way leads to eternal life. Thank you for the availability of your constant guidance. And thank you for our being able to make a difference in the church and in the world by offering our time, talents, gifts and service. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

***Closing Hymn**

“Because He Lives” #447

(words and music on pages 9 and 10)

***Benediction**

447

Because He Lives

Ab Ab⁴ Ab $\frac{Db}{Ab}$ Ab Ab⁷ Db

1 God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus; he came to
 2 How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by, and feel the
 3 And then one day I'll cross the riv - er; I'll fight life's

$\frac{Ab}{C}$ $\frac{Eb}{Db}$ Ab $\frac{Ab}{C}$ Bdim⁷ Bbm⁷ Eb⁷ Ab $\frac{Db2}{Ab}$ Ab Ab⁷

love, heal, and for - give; he lived and died to buy my
 pride and joy he gives; but great-er still the calm as -
 fi - nal war with pain; and then as death gives way to

Db $\frac{Db}{F}$ $\frac{Dbm6}{Fb}$ $\frac{Ab}{Eb}$ Eb⁷ Ab $\frac{Db}{Ab}$ Ab

par - don, an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
 sur - ance: this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.
 vic - tory, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he lives.

Refrain
 N.C. $\frac{Ab}{C}$ $\frac{Eb}{Bb}$ Ab Ab⁷ Db $\frac{Ab}{Eb}$ $\frac{Eb}{Db}$

Be - cause he lives I can face to - mor - row; be - cause he lives

WORDS: Gloria Gaither (1942-) and William J. Gaither (1936-)
 MUSIC: William J. Gaither (1936-)
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RESURRECTION
 Irregular

all fear is gone; be-cause I know he holds the fu - ture,
and life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause he lives.

Chord symbols: $\frac{Ab}{C}$, Ab , $Bbm7$, $Eb7$, $\frac{Ab}{C}$, $\frac{Eb7}{Bb}$, Ab , Ab^4 , Ab , $Ab7$, Db , $\frac{Db}{F}$, $\frac{Dbm6}{Fb}$, $\frac{Ab}{Eb}$, $Eb7$, Ab , $\frac{Db}{Fb}$, Ab

*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

“You Shall God Out with Joy” - Wagner

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

Tech Team: Scott Farnsworth, Megan Farnsworth
 Liturgist: Missy Newcomer
 Ushers: Dave Marconi, Jane Charles, Sandy Haydu, Gary Myers
 Greeters: Joe and Tom Labay
 * A special thanks to Rev. John Phillips for supplying worship today!

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Today's Altar Flowers are provided by:

Marie Zimmer

"In memory my mother, Elnora McKay"

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, April 26

10:00 AM

Mark those calendars! On April 26th, our youth of United Ministry will lead us in worship for Youth Sunday! Plan to join us as we celebrate and honor their message, presence and the gifts they bring to our congregation!

SUMMIT BELLS

CONCERT

Monday, May 11

7:00 PM

Join us for a concert on Monday, May 11, at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. The "Summit Bells," directed by Chuck Kobb, will perform hymn arrangements, original handbell music, and a transcription of a Bach organ work and a Scott Joplin rag.

SPRING BOOK AND BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, Beginning

April 29

12:00 PM

The book for the spring 2026 Book/Bible Study has arrived. We have copies in the office for \$16 each. Remember, there will only be one 12 noon class for the spring study in the David Bacon Room. That study will begin on Wednesday, April 29 and run through May 27.

NEW MEMBER

CLASSES

Sundays, May 24 and 31

9:00 AM

First Congregational Church of Tallmadge will offer two membership orientation classes on Sundays, May 24 and 31, at the 9:00am hour before worship. If participants are led to join FCC in membership, the New Member Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, June 7th. Please let the church office know if you are interested. You can email Cathy Cotter, the church's Office Administrator, at info@fcctallmadge.org

Rev. Daniel J. Doty, *Senior Minister*

Nancy Lynn Robinson, *Choir Director/Organist*

Wendy Brown, *Director of Family Ministries*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Fridays—9:00 am—12:00 pm

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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
Debbie B.
The Becking Family
Katie Ann Bickett
Joyce Bojarski
Margarete Boschert
Jim Brown
John Calvarese
Patti Calvarese
Sue Canavan
Jim Caplinger
Mark Clark
Patty Conely
Rylin Davis and family
Sean and Sara Doty
Mark Downey
Elaine Engle
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*Debbie Fickes
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