

Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 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

“Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices” - Mason/Bish

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: Though the presence of God is always near,
All: **it is rarely loud, often subtle, and always prefers
an invitation.**
- One: Permeating all of life, always and everywhere
available, the Holy asks us
All: **to listen, to be still, to pay attention, and to practice
the Wisdom we receive.**
- One: The Holy Mystery of Love, the Sacred Calling of
Courage, The Lure of Truth and Beauty, they are always
moving us toward the restoration of life.
All: **Praise be to God who is revealed in our longings,
felt in connection, and encountered in the flesh
of creation.**

*Opening Hymn

"We Have Come to Join in Worship" # 647

GATHERING

647 We Have Come to Join in Worship

G D G G D D7 G

1 We have come to join in wor - ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
2 See them gath - er all a - round you, those he bought at such a cost;
3 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.

G D G G D D7 G

Let us come in prayer, ex - pect - ing God to speak his might - y Word.
see the wea - ry, see the hurt - ing, see the lone - ly, see the lost.
Let us care for all his peo - ple till our God makes all things new.

G D G D

All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the Ho - ly One comes down.
Be his hand, and touch the need - y; be his gos - pel, let it sound!
Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ban - quet we'll sit down;

G D G G D D7 G

Chris - tians, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
Be his bod - y, and sweet man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
Christ him - self will rise and serve us liv - ing man - na all a - round.

WORDS: Ken Bible (1950-) and George Atkins (18th c.)
MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; attr. William Moore (19th c.)
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HOLY MANNA
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***Opening Prayer** Liturgist

Spirit of Truth, you have always been trying to get our attention. Through the cries of prophets, the whispers of saints, and the groans of the earth, you have been calling to us for ages. As we grieve all that has been lost to destruction's hand, we renew our commitment to listening for Sacred Wisdom around us. With humility, we pray, come and lead us in the way of life. Amen.

Special Music *"Prelude and Dance" - Judy Hunnicut*

Chancel Bells, Director: Rev. Daniel J. Doty

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A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Children's Message Wendy Brown

Anthem *"Declare Your Maker's Praise" - Larson*

Chancel Choir, Director: Nancy Lynn Robinson Cello: Dan Hild

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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)

Special Music “Arioso” (from Cantata #156) - J.S. Bach

Cello Solo: Dan Hild

HEARING GOD’S WORD FOR THE DAY

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Psalm 66:8-20

- ⁸ Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard,
⁹ who has kept us among the living,
and has not let our feet slip.
¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.
¹¹ You brought us into the net;
you laid burdens on our backs;
¹² you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.
¹³ I will come into your house with burnt-offerings;
I will pay you my vows,
¹⁴ those that my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
¹⁵ I will offer to you burnt-offerings of fatlings,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.
¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.
¹⁷ I cried aloud to him,
and he was extolled with my tongue.
¹⁸ If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.
¹⁹ But truly God has listened;
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.
²⁰ Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

*Hymn of Preparation

"Lord, Speak to Me" #593

Lord, Speak to Me

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N.C. G $\frac{B7}{F\#}$ Em Am7 D7 G $\frac{G}{B}$

1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un -

C $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D A7 D G B E Am7

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 stum - bling and the stray - ing feet; and feed me, Lord, that
 pre - cious things which you im - part; and wing my words, that
 til my heart shall o - ver - flow in kind - ling thought and

D7 G $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ $\frac{G}{D}$ D G

let me seek your wan - dering chil - dren, lost, a - lone.
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879), alt.
 MUSIC: Robert A. Schumann (1810-1856)

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Second Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

Sermon

“Building Blocks: Sharing Our Faith

- Rev. Daniel J. Doty

A Time for Appreciation

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

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Offertory

"Let All Things Now Living" - arr. Larson

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

Creator of all, since our beginning you have woven our lives together at the most intimate levels. Though evil encourages us to sever our ties to one another, you reveal our shared humanity and call us to defense of our neighbors. As we bring our offerings, give us wisdom for these days that we might live what we believe by seeking an end to all forces of inequity and injustice. Amen.

WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

*Closing Hymn

“Blessed Assurance” #426

(words and music on the following page)

*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

“Now Let Us All Praise the Lord”

- Johann Pachelbel Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

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Greeters:	Joe and Tom Labay

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Blessed Assurance

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

1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

E7 A D $\frac{G}{D}$ D

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove,
 hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

D G $\frac{Em}{G}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D *Refrain*

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

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

this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

D $\frac{G}{D}$ D D7 $\frac{Em}{G}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)
 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908)

ASSURANCE
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Today's Altar Flowers are provided by:

Mark and Cathleen Clark

"In celebration of our 48th Anniversary"

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

WF MOTHER'S DAY

BRUNCH AND TEA

Thursday, May 14

12:00 PM

All ladies are invited to join us for a Mother's Day Brunch and Tea on Thursday, May 14, at 12:00 PM. Please bring your favorite brunch dish to share as we enjoy fellowship together. Sign-ups will be available on Sundays - April 26, May 3, and May 10 - at our table in the atrium. We will also be hosting a fun baby picture contest! Be sure to submit your baby photo by May 10 at the Women's Fellowship table. We look forward to celebrating with you!

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*

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SUNDAYS AT 10:00 AM

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*

Debbie B.

The Becking Family

Katie Ann Bickett

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Alzheimer's Care Giver Support Group



God's Recipe for Life

When: 6/22-25

Time: 6-8 pm

Who can attend: anyone age 4-grade 5 (on May 1, 2026)

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/GQxJhEbWK1iwhYt7A>

Vacation Bible School Volunteers needed June 22– 25.

Check your calendars and let Wendy know if you can help a few nights. We need crafters, story tellers, chefs, scientists, photographers, and musically talented people.

We also need youth helpers in grade 6th– 2th. Please use the link above to register them as well.



SENT FORTH IN **LOVE**



**Strengthen
the Church**

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH SPECIAL OFFERING

The Holy Spirit gathers us together. From across the country and the spectrums of human experience, we become united in Christ. And, united, the Spirit commissions us to work for a more just world for all.

The Strengthen the Church Offering supports congregations and leader across the United Church of Christ as they respond to the Spirit's call to be united in Christ for a more just world for all. The challenges our congregations face vary:

- Some seek ways to strengthen youth ministry
- Some hope to start new congregations
- Some look for innovative ways to renew existing congregations
- Some need help developing leaders

The giving in your congregation can ensure congregations get the help they need from their conference and the national ministries of the UCC. Together we can answer the Spirit's call to be united in Christ for a just world for all.