



## A Spiritual Déjà vu

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

First Congregational Church of Tallmadge  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

# Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
GRADUATION/SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

MAY 17, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Tapanga Ross

*“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

*“When in Our Music God is Glorified”* - Stanford/Hobby

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: Like trees planted by streams of water, those who delight  
in God’s ways will not wither.

**All: Flourishing, they bear fruit appropriate to each season.**

One: Through seasons of justice or compassion, seasons of  
change or of rest...

**All: With wisdom and discernment, they blossom and  
they bloom.**

One: Abundant is the harvest of those who trust in God.

**All: Blessed is the community that follows the call of love.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”*     #322  
(words and music on the following page)

# 322 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

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

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of  
 3 O Lord, our home-ward path-way bend that our un - wear-ied  
 4 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let

Bm Em7 Asus A  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G D Bm  $\frac{A}{C\#}$  D E A  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  D Bm7  $\frac{A7}{C\#}$

world shall ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be-  
 Ol - ives stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful  
 hearts as - cend, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! where, seat - ed on your  
 earth ac - cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less

D  $\frac{G}{B}$  Asus A  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{A7}{E}$  D  $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{Dmaj7}{A}$  G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{D}{A}$  G6  $\frac{A}{G}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$

fore un - trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God. Al-le - lu - ia!  
 fol-lowers see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty. Al-le - lu - ia!  
 Fa-ther's throne, you reign as King of kings a-lone. Al-le - lu - ia!  
 a - ges run, with Fa-ther and with Spir - it one. Al-le - lu - ia!

Em7  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G6 A7 Bm  $\frac{A}{C\#}$  D6 E A Bm7  $\frac{F\#m}{C\#}$  D Em  $\frac{A7}{C\#}$   $\frac{B7}{D\#}$  Em  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{Em7}{G}$  A A7 D

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

WORDS: The Venerable Bede, (673-735); tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978  
 MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Cologne, 1623; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
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LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
 L.M. Alleluias

## **\*Opening Prayer** Liturgist

God, our guiding wisdom, you are all around us. You companion us through ancient texts, modern prophets, the earth and our own inner depths. We are here to listen, to integrate the teachings of love, to be renewed and transformed by your grace. May it be so. Amen.

## **Anthem** *“Ezekiel’s Wheel” - Kern*

Chancel Choir, Director: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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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 Lesson

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

- 1 Let God rise up; let his enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;  
as wax melts before the fire,  
let the wicked perish before God.
- 3 But let the righteous be joyful;  
let them exult before God;  
let them be jubilant with joy.
- 4 Sing to God; sing praises to his name;  
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—  
his name is the Lord—  
be exultant before him.
- 5 Father of orphans and protector of widows  
is God in his holy habitation.
- 6 God gives the desolate a home to live in;  
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,  
but the rebellious live in a parched land.
- 7 O God, when you went out before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness, Selah
- 8 the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;  
you restored your heritage when it languished;
- 10 your flock found a dwelling in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

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32 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;  
sing praises to the Lord, Selah  
33 O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;  
listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.  
34 Ascribe power to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel  
and whose power is in the skies.  
35 Awesome is God in his sanctuary,  
the God of Israel;  
he gives power and strength to his people.  
Blessed be God!

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God  
Everyone: **THANKS BE TO GOD**

## **\*Hymn of Preparation**

*"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" #323*  
(words and music on the following page)

## **Sermon**

*"A Spiritual Déjà vu"*  
- Rev. David Kiewit

## Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise 323

F Dm F/A Gm/Bb C F/A C7/G F Bb/D F/C Gm7/Bb C F

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 There for him high tri - umph waits, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 See! the heaven its Lord re - ceives, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 See! he lifts his hands a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!

Dm F/A Gm/Bb C F/A C7/G F Bb/D F/C Gm7/Bb C F

to his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 yet he loves the earth he leaves, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 See, he shows the prints of love! Al - le - lu - ia!

Dm C/E F Bb C7/G F C F C/E F G7/D C F/C C

Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 he has con - quered death and sin, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 though re - turn - ing to his throne, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hark! His gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!

F F/A F Dm F/A Gm/Bb C F/A C7/G F Bb/D F/C Gm7/Bb C F

en - ters now the high - est heaven. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 still he calls the world his own. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bless - ings on his church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
 MUSIC: Robert Williams (1781-1821); arr. John Roberts (1822-1877)

LLANFAIR  
 7.7.7.7. Alleluia

# **RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES/SCHOLARSHIPS**

## **Recognition of Graduates**

- Wendy Brown & Anne Pertick

Madison Birch—Schnee Learning Center

Andrew Byron—Tallmadge High School

Bobby Higham—Tallmadge High School

Ian Hoffman—Stow-Munroe Falls High School

Cadence Ickes—Tallmadge High School

Lily Scherer—Tallmadge High School

Meredith Treen—Tallmadge High School

Jocelyn Tully—Tallmadge High School

## **Recognition of Scholarship Recipients**

- Missy Newcomer

Cailey Bozic

Andrew Byron

Bobby Higham

Cadence Ickes

Amelia Ross

Meredith Treen

# THE OFFERING

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## Invitation to the Offering



## Offertory

*“When in Our Music God is Glorified”* - Stanford/Page

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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**

**Compassionate One, you know the longings of our hearts: How much we wish to live righteously together. How deeply we dream of a better world for those to come. How genuinely we hope to practice creative resistance to evil in all its forms. Bless this community, these offerings, and all our efforts to fulfill the fullness of our sacred potential. Amen.**

# WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

## \*Closing Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision” #502  
(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.”

Go Now in Peace—Besig, © Harold Flammer Music, A division of Shawnee Press, Inc.

## Postlude

“Agincourt Hymn” (14th Century)

- John Dunstable

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

Tech Team: Diana Fiocca, Scott Newcomer, Megan Farnsworth  
Liturgist: Tapanga Ross  
Ushers: Dave Marconi, Jane Charles, Sandy Haydu, Gary Myers  
Greeters: Mark and Cathleen Clark

**\* A special thanks to Rev. David Kiewit for supplying worship today!**

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# Be Thou My Vision

502

E $\flat$       E $\flat$ /G      A $\flat$       B $\flat$       A $\flat$       E $\flat$ /G      Cm      B $\flat$       E $\flat$

1 Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my Wis - dom, and thou my true Word,  
 3 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

B $\flat$       F7/C      B $\flat$ /D      E $\flat$       E $\flat$ /G      A $\flat$       E $\flat$ /G      Cm      B $\flat$

naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

A $\flat$       A $\flat$ /C      A $\flat$ /E $\flat$       E $\flat$       Gm7/D      Cm7      Cm      Gm7      A $\flat$       B $\flat$

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

E $\flat$       B $\flat$ /D      Cm      E $\flat$ /B $\flat$       E $\flat$ /G      Fm/A $\flat$       A $\flat$       Fm7      E $\flat$

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 high King of heav - en, my Treas - ure thou art.  
 still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Irish hymn, 8th c.; tr. Mary E. Byrne (1880-1931); versed Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935)

MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Jack Schrader (1942-)

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SLANE  
10.10.10.10.

Today's Altar Flowers are provided by:

Donna Kiss "In memory of Willis and Barbara Pritchett's 12th Anniversary."

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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 7<sup>th</sup>. Please let the church office know if you are interested. You can email Cathy Cotter, the church's Office Administrator, at [info@fcctallmadge.org](mailto:info@fcctallmadge.org)

**NEW MEMBER  
SUNDAY**  
Sunday, June 7  
10:00 AM

Our new members will join the church during worship. Be sure to attend so that you can welcome them to FCC!

**VBS WORK  
DAY**  
June 16  
9:00 AM

We will be gathering craft items, making name tags, creating the stage, prepping crafts and game items, etc.

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

**IN PERSON | PARKING LOT | ONLINE WORSHIP**  
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*

Brian Allman

Debbie B.

The Becking Family

Katie Ann Bickett

Joyce Bojarski

Margarete Boschert

John Calvarese

Patti Calvarese

Sue Canavan

Jim Caplinger

Mark Clark

Patty Conely

Betty Cottrill

Rylin Davis and family

Jim Divoky

Sean and Sara Doty

Ron Drake

Elaine Engle

Ron Evans

Bonnie Fordham

Darrell Goodson

Eleanor Hall

Sue Hamilton

Jim Jackson

Gene Jarjabka

Nancy Johnson

Anita Kelly-Lahrmer

The Klinginsmith Family

Yvonne Larson

Roberta Lewis

Kitty Maddox

Jack and Helen McKee

Gary Miller

Ron Mitchell

Spenser Moreno

Lynn Norton

Arlene Luna Pena

Bob Poff

Lt. John Norton

Richard Reynolds

Ensign 5 Kaylie Spear

Lt. Maxwell Spear

Richard & Karen Thomason

Kim and Noel Walters

PO3 Kaitlyn Wetter

Don Woerz

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.

## **Congratulations to our 2026 Memorial Scholarship Recipients!**

### **Cailey Bozic**

Cailey is currently a graduate student at Penn State College and is pursuing a Doctorate of Medicine degree. She is the 2026 recipient of the **Geneva Wright Atwood, Uli Boschert, and Dr. Richard Neitz** scholarships.

### **Andrew Byron**

Andrew is graduating from Tallmadge High School and plans to attend Kent State University with a major in Finance this fall. He is the 2026 recipient of the **Pat Holcomb, Melvin and Margaret Wilgohs, and Heritage** scholarships.

### **Bobby Higham**

Bobby is graduating from Tallmadge High School and plans to attend Stark State University with a major in Business this fall. He is the 2026 recipient of the **Anne Schwendeman, Margaret Starkey, and Stanley and Daisy Watts** scholarships.

### **Cadence Ickes**

Cadence is graduating from Tallmadge High School and plans to attend Youngstown State University with a major in Journalism and Content Creation this fall. She is the 2026 recipient of the **Melvin and Margaret Wilgohs** scholarship.

### **Amelia Ross**

Amelia will be continuing her education at Bowling Green State University as a Nursing major in the fall. She will be a sophomore. Amelia is the 2026 recipient of the **Kenneth and Ann Gilbert** and **Heritage** scholarships.

### **Meredith Treen**

Meredith is graduating from Tallmadge High School and plans to attend Kent State University in the fall. Her major is currently Undecided. She is the 2026 recipient of the **Richard and JoAnn Wood** scholarship.

### **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:

During Lent we are asking, "What is the Least I Can Believe and Still be Christian?" What does this question mean to you? What do you believe are the core essentials of being a follower of Jesus? How do you plan to live this out in your educational setting?

At our annual meeting, we celebrate the things we have accomplished as a gathering of the faithful. We also look to the future and dream big to help God co-create a just world for all. If you were to write an annual report of yourself based on the two things mentioned above, what would your "annual report" look like?

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	Gilbert, Ann (Mrs. Kenneth)	Scoville, Charles
Arvay, Rev. A Arthur	Goff, Sara	Scoville, Harry
Arvay, Lynne	Gray, Alma	Shaw, James
Atwood, Ernest Sackett	Grubb, Lois (Mrs. Harold)	Shreve, William & Thelma
Bailey, William	Hagaman, Edith	Spahr, Carl
Beam, George & Mary	Harroun, Almira	Sperry, Stella
Becker, Betty Chrislip	Hood, Deanna	Starcher, Gaynol
Berger, Myree (Mrs. Ralph)	Hopkins, Ray	Stauffer, Cauldwell and Rose
Berger, Ralph	Howe, James	Stewart, Grace (Mrs. Daniel)
Bish, James & Derna	Huber, William & Madeline	Strott, Leona
Bisset, Louise	Jones, Laura	Sylvester, Jean
Bryson, H. Edwin	King, Roberta	Szalay, John
Burgett, L & V	Kinsey, T.	Tefft, Jackie
Burket, William (family)	LeCount, Edna	Thompson, Art
Carter, Rev. C. Edward	Lyman, Mildred	Vessey, Goldie
Church Friends	Mazzaferro, Steve	Viall, Mary
Club Organization, Mr.& Mrs.	McDonald, William	Vineyard, Dorothy Mae
Cochran, James Sr.	Miller, Ann (Mrs. Delbert)	Wagner, Karen
Cochran, Robert	Miller, Barbara Briggs	Waldorf, Ellen
Cully, Jean (Mrs. Donald)	Miller, Norton	Warehime, Max
Davidson, Zon	Nagel, Jack	Willgohs, Charles
Dove, Edward	Nicodemus, Gladys	Williams, Barbara
Drushal, Anna	Ober, Wanda	Wolcott, Robert
Evans, Bessie	Patterson, Josephine "Jo"	Wolf, Lillian
Farabee, Christopher	Point, William	
Farabee, Ted	Price, Dennis	
Fenn, Mary (Mrs. Marshall)	Price, Ruth	
Fenn, Pauline	Reed, Esther	
Fenn, Warren	Root, Gilbert	
Fenn-Monteith	Ruiz, Rene	
Flower, Margaret	Schultz, Walter	
Geiger, Charles	Schrum, Maurine	
Gelvin, Ruth	Scott, Jeanne (Mrs. George)	