



First Congregational Church of
Tallmadge
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 7, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Rev. John Phillips

“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

“Be Thou My Vision” - arr. Tucker

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: In uncertainty and waiting, God gathers us together in hope and community.

All: We come seeking courage, wisdom, and the movement of the Spirit.

One: Jesus calls us not to stand still looking upward, but to become witnesses of justice, compassion, and peace.

All: We are ready to carry love into a hurting and divided world.

One: The Spirit empowers ordinary people to build beloved community across every boundary and difference.

All: We worship together, trusting that God is still moving among us today.

***Opening Hymn**

“Hail the Day That Sees Christ Rise” vs. 1-4 #323

(words and music on the following page)

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise 323

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

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 C F 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

***Opening Prayer**

Liturgist

Mysterious Compassion, we long to honor each other's differences, to make room for the many ways to live a life. We want to protect each other's right to self-determination. At the same time, we desire to be united in purpose. We desire soulful relationships across differences. Guide us in wisdom as we ebb and flow between the personal and the collective. Unite our individual longing with the longings of Interdependent Love. Amen.

Special Music

"Amazing Grace" and "Old Time Religion"
- Edwin Excell & Charles Tillman, arr. Corey Cammel

Piano Solo: Corey Cammel

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WE LIFT OUR PRAISE & PRAYER TO GOD

Naming our Prayers before God

Moments of Silent Prayer

Intercessory Prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR THE DAY

Scripture Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

*Hymn of Preparation

"O God of Strength"

(words on the following page)

Sermon

"Building Blocks: Seeking Guidance Together"

- Rev. Daniel J. Doty

O God of Strength

Verse 1

O God of strength, whose
pur-pose, nev-er swerv-ing,
shall make complete the
work Christ has be-gun,
Grant us to join and _
work with all dis-ci-ples,
filled with your strength
to see your will is done.

Verse 2

O Word Made Flesh, whose
work God's work con-tin-ued,
one with the Spir-it's thought
and deed and word,
Now make us one,
com-pan-ions in your ser-vice,
your liv-ing bod-y
by the Spir-it stirred.

Verse 3

O Power of Peace,
Who brings to us good tid-ings,
teach us to speak your word
of hope and cheer:
Rest for the soul, and _ strength
for all our striv-ing,
light for the path of life,
your truth brought near.

Verse 4

O God, whose grace
has called us to your ser-vice,
how good your thoughts toward us,
how great their sum!
We work with you, we _ go
where you will lead us,
un-til in all the earth
your reign shall come.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome and Introduction

Questions to those who are Joining

Affirmations of Faith

PASTOR: Let us all unite with the church in all times
and places in confessing our faith in the
triune God.

PASTOR: Do you believe in God?

PEOPLE: *I believe in God.*

PASTOR: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

PEOPLE: *I believe in Jesus Christ.*

PASTOR: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

PEOPLE: *I believe in the Holy Spirit.*

Questions on Participation

Congregational Welcome

MODERATOR:

Let us, the members of First Congregational Church of Tallmadge, United Church of Christ express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

PEOPLE:

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

PASTOR AND REPRESENTATIVES:

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of First Congregational Church of Tallmadge, United Church of Christ we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this local church.

Closing Prayer

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

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Offertory

"Lord of the Dance" - arr. Behnke

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

Orient us towards new life, Oh Navigating God. Pry the ways of power-over from our hands and give us instead the tools of compassion, solidarity, and imagination. Bless our offerings to way-making, towards life. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION W/ LORD'S PRAYER (using debts/debtors)

SHARING IN THE BREAD AND THE CUP

UNISON PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

O God, we thank you for uniting us by baptism in the body of Christ and by this meal filling us with joy and hope. Grant that in the days ahead our lips which have sung your praises may speak the truth; our eyes which have seen your love may look with compassion on the needs of the world; our hands which have held this loaf and cup may be active in your service. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

***Closing Hymn**

"Hail the Day That Sees Christ Rise" vs. 5-6
(words on the following page)

“Hail the Day That Sees Christ Rise” vs. 5-6

Verse 5

Now, though parted from our sight,
Al-le-lu-ia!
In the depths of star-ry night,
Al-le-lu-ia!
May our souls with you a-rise,
Al-le-lu-ia!
Seek-ing whole-ness at your side.
Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse 6

There we will with you re-main,
Al-le-lu-ia!
Heirs in your e-ter-nal reign;
Al-le-lu-ia!
In the presence of your face,
Al-le-lu-ia!
We will dwell in heav-en’s grace.
Al-le-lu-ia!

***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

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” - arr. McDonald

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

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Liturgist: Rev. John Phillips
Ushers: Larry Robinson, Dave Marconi, Tom Labay, Ken Caldwell
Greeters:

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

GOD'S RECIPE FOR LIFE VBS

June 22-25

6:00-8:00 PM

All kids age 4-grade 5 (on May 1, 2026) should join us for VBS. Register with the link below.

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



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.

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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

Patti Calvarese

Sue Canavan

Jim Caplinger

Mark Clark

Patty Conely

Jeffry Cotton

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

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Kim and Noel Walters

PO3 Kaitlyn Wetter

Don Woerz

Alzheimer's Care Giver Support Group

Rev. Daniel J. Doty, *Senior Minister*

Nancy Lynn Robinson, *Choir Director/Organist*

Wendy Brown, *Director of Family Ministries*

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