



First Congregational Church of
Tallmadge
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 14, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Amelia 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

"How Great Thou Art" with "How Great Is Our God" - arr. Page

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: From ancient promises and prophetic hope, God calls us into a new day of justice and peace.

All: We gather to worship the One whose love is stronger than fear and oppression.

One: The Lion of Judah rises not through violence or domination, but through sacrificial love and liberation.

All: Christ leads us toward courage, compassion, and the healing of the nations.

One: God's reign breaks the chains of injustice and restores dignity to the forgotten and oppressed.

All: We come ready to build communities of mercy, equity, and hope.

One: Let every voice join in praise to the One who renews creation through steadfast love.

All: We worship together, trusting in the power of God's transforming justice and peace.

*Opening Hymn

"O God Our Help in Ages Past" #84

84 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

C F C/E Am Dm7/F G C Am Em Am/C D G

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,
5 Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, bears all of us a - way;
6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

G C F Dm G C Dm/F E C/E F C/E Dm G C

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
we fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the op - ening day.
be now our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

*Opening Prayer

Liturgist

Holy and loving God, awaken within us the courage to remember who we are: your beloved children, created for compassion, justice, and hope. When fear and doubt make us forget our sacred worth, call us back to lives of love and purpose. Gather us now in worship and renew our spirits. Amen.

Special Music

“How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings”

by Sam Liddle

Solo: Rev. Daniel Doty

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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

First Lesson: Genesis 49:9-10

- ⁹ Judah is a lion’s whelp;
from the prey, my son, you have gone up.
He crouches down, he stretches out like a lion,
like a lioness—who dares rouse him up?
- ¹⁰ The sceptre shall not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet,
until tribute comes to him;
and the obedience of the peoples is his.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

*Hymn of Preparation

"O God in Whom All Life Begins" #388
(words and music on the following page)

Second Lesson: Rev. 5:5

⁵Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Sermon

"The Gospel in Disney: The Lion King, Remember Who You Are"
- Rev. Daniel J. Doty

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"Awake My Heart with Gladness" - Cruger/Burkhardt

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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388 O God in Whom All Life Begins

F C F $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{C7}{G}$ F C $\frac{C}{Bb}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ F $\frac{Bb}{D}$ Bb F

1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
 3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

C Dm Bb F C F Dm $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Dm $\frac{A7}{E}$ $\frac{Dm}{F}$ Gm6 A7 Dm $\frac{A7}{D}$ Dm Dm6 $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{Dm}{F}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 C

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa-tience, joy, and peace;
 So let our var - ied gifts com-bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray,

$\frac{F}{A}$ C7 D7 Gm $\frac{F}{A}$ C Dm $\frac{F}{A}$ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-)
 MUSIC: English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan (1842-1900)
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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**

God of abundance and belonging, remind us who we are: your beloved people, called to reflect compassion, justice, and generosity in the world. As we bring these gifts, may they help restore hope, uplift the vulnerable, and strengthen communities of love and dignity. Shape us into faithful stewards of your vision for all creation. Amen.

WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

***Closing Hymn**

“Community of Christ” #615

(words and music on the following page)

***Benediction**

Community of Christ

N.C. $\frac{Em}{G}$ B Em $\frac{Am}{C}$ B Em $\frac{Am}{C}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ Am7 D G

1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the cross your own,
 2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church - 's door
 3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—
 4 When men - ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,

D $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{F\#dim}{A}$ G C $\frac{G}{B}$ D7 Em Am7 $\frac{G}{D}$ D G

live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:
 and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.
 cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world round:
 the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its sun;

G $\frac{G}{B}$ C#m7(b5) D $\frac{G}{B}$ C G Am7 Bsus B

the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,
 Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,
 dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,
 our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,

B $\frac{Em}{G}$ B Em D G $\frac{Am7}{C}$ Am $\frac{Em}{G}$ $\frac{Em}{B}$ B Em

whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
 take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
 turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.
 our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray (1931 -)
 MUSIC: Hebrew melody; arr. Meyer Lyon (1751-1797)
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*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

“Circle of Life” from *“The Lion King”*

- Elton John & Tim Rice

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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Today’s altar flowers are provided by: Bob and Terri Poff

“In Memory of Dorothy Liggett”

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

Tech Team:	Scott Newcomer, Anne Pertick, Ann Hagan
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Greeters:	

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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Rev. Daniel J. Doty, *Senior Minister*

Nancy Lynn Robinson, *Choir Director/Organist*

Wendy Brown, *Director of Family Ministries*

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