



First Congregational Church of
Tallmadge
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 21, 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

"Allegro Maestoso" with "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"- Handel & Ellor

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: God calls not only the powerful and influential, but ordinary people to participate in the work of love and justice.

All: We come in humility, trusting that God can work through each of us.

One: In Christ, we see a different kind of power—one rooted in service, compassion, and self-giving love.

All: We seek to follow the way of Jesus, lifting others before ourselves.

One: God chooses what the world often overlooks and honors those whom society may disregard.

All: We celebrate the sacred worth and dignity of every person.

One: Let us worship the One who calls us into beloved community and transforms the world through humble love.

All: We gather with grateful hearts, ready to serve, learn, and grow together in faith.

*Opening Hymn

"Wonderful Words of Life" #668

WORD & TEACHING

Wonderful Words of Life 668

F $\frac{Bb}{F}$ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 $\frac{Am}{C}$ C7 F

1 Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, won - der - ful words of life;
 2 Christ, the bless - ed One, gives to all won - der - ful words of life;
 3 Sweet - ly ech - o the gos - pel call, won - der - ful words of life;

F $\frac{Bb}{F}$ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 $\frac{Am}{C}$ C7 F

let me more of their beau - ty see, won - der - ful words of life.
 sin - ner, list to the lov - ing call, won - der - ful words of life.
 of - fer par - don and peace to all, won - der - ful words of life.

F $\frac{Bb}{F}$ F $\frac{Bb}{F}$ F

Words of life and beau - ty, teach me faith and du - ty:
 All so free - ly giv - en, woo - ing us to heav - en:
 Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior, sanc - ti - fy for - ev - er:

Refrain $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F_2 F $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 $\frac{1}{F}$ $\frac{2}{F}$

Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, won - der - ful words of life. life.

***Opening Prayer**

Liturgist

Holy God, you see beauty, possibility, and sacred worth where the world sees only limitations. Remind us that each person is a beloved child created in your image, a "diamond in the rough" capable of growth, transformation, and love. As we gather for worship, open our hearts to your grace and call us to recognize the dignity and potential in ourselves and others. Amen.

Special Music

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow" — Gabriel/Hayes

Solo: Erin Hoffman

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A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Children's Message

Wendy Brown

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: 1 Corinthians 1:26-28

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

*Hymn of Preparation

"Amazing Grace" vs. 1-3 #422

(words and music on the following page)

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:3-9

³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself

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Amazing Grace!

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G G D7 Em C G G D C G
D C B

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re-lieved;
 3 The Lord has prom-ised good to me, his word my hope se- cures;
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares I have al - read - y come;
 5 When we've been there ten thou- sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,

G G C G G Em G D7 G
B D

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be-lieved!
 he will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en-dures.
 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

WORDS: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; vs. 5, anonymous
 MUSIC: Virginia Harmony, 1831; adapt. Edwin O. Excell (1851-1921)

NEW BRITAIN
 C.M.

and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

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Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

Sermon

“The Gospel in Disney: Aladdin, Diamond in the Rough”
- Rev. Daniel J. Doty

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“O God Beyond All Praising” - arr. 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.

GIVE ONLINE HERE



***Prayer of Dedication**

God of hidden treasure and abundant grace, you see gifts and possibilities within every person. As we offer these gifts today, may they help reveal the sacred worth of those too often overlooked, bringing hope, justice, and opportunity to our neighbors. Transform our offerings into instruments of compassion, and shape us into a community that recognizes the divine image shining in all people.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

***Closing Hymn**

“Amazing Grace” vs. 4-5 #422

(words and music on page 6)

***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

“A Whole New World” from *“Aladdin”* - Alan Menken & Tim Rice
Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

Tech Team:	Scott Newcomer, Anne Pertick, Megan Farnsworth
Liturgist:	Missy Newcomer
Ushers:	Dave Marconi, Jane Charles, Sandy Haydu, Gary Myers
Greeters:	Carol Kroah and Janet McCaulley
Special Music:	Erin Hoffman

Today's altar flowers are provided by: Marie Zimmer

"In Memory of my Father, Paul McKay, on Father's Day and his birthday!"

**Happy Father's Day! All fathers in attendance should stop in the atrium
and pick up a little gift from FCC!**

UPCOMING EVENTS



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
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Patti Calvarese
Sue Canavan
Jim Caplinger
Mark Clark
Patty Conely
Jeffry Cotton
Betty Cottrill
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Jim Divoky
Sean and Sara Doty
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Ron Evans
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Darrell Goodson
Eleanor Hall
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Gene Jarjabka
Nancy Johnson
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Alzheimer's Care Giver Support
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Join us for a
FREE CONCERT!
**Stan Hywet
Goodyear
Concert Band**
Monday, July 20st | 7:00PM
FCC Fellowship Hall

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

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