



First Congregational Church of
Tallmadge
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 28, 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

"When We All Get to Heaven" - Wilson/DeCou

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: Thus says the Lord: Stand at the crossroads and look; seek the ancient paths where life and peace are found.

All: We come seeking God's way, trusting that love is stronger than fear.

One: Jesus calls us beyond fear, beyond hatred, and beyond division.

All: We choose the path of courage, compassion, and grace.

One: Love your enemies and pray for those who oppose you, for God's mercy reaches beyond every boundary.

All: We will not be ruled by fear, but guided by Christ's transforming love.

One: Let us worship the God who leads us through uncertainty into hope and justice.

All: With open hearts and steadfast faith, we follow the path of peace.

*Opening Hymn "Blessed Assurance" #426

TRUST & ASSURANCE

Blessed Assurance 426

D G/D D 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 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 Em/D 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 D/A E A A7

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

D G/D D D7 Em/G 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
 9.10.9.9.Ref.

***Opening Prayer**

Liturgist

Loving God, you speak words of courage to fearful hearts: "Do not fear, for I am with you." Gather us into your presence today and free us from the fears that divide us from one another. Teach us, through the example of Jesus, to respond to hatred with love, to hostility with compassion, and to uncertainty with faith. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may become bearers of hope, justice, and peace in your world. Amen.

Special Music

"Ride the Morning Winds" — Tom Fettke/Lin & T. F.

Solo: Connie Stone

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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 Lessons: Jeremiah 6:16, Isaiah 43:5a

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD:

Stand at the crossroads, and look,
and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good way lies; and walk in it,
and find rest for your souls.

But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'

⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

*Hymn of Preparation

"Be Still My Soul" #451

(words and music on the following page)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:43-44

⁴³ 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

Sermon

"The Gospel in Disney: Pocahontas, Do Not Fear"

- Rev. Daniel J. Doty

Be Still, My Soul

F C/Bb F A C7/G F C/Bb F A Bb C7/G F

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side!
 2 Be still, my soul: your God will un-der-take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has-tening on

C/Bb F A C7/G F C/Bb F A Bb C7/G F F E

Bear pa-tient-ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your
 to guide the fu-ture as he has the past; your hope, your
 when we shall be for-ev-er with the Lord, when dis-ap-

Dm F/A C Gm D7/A Gm/Bb F/C F/A

God to or-der and pro-vide— in ev-ery change he
 con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake— all now mys-te-rious
 point-ment, grief, and fear are gone, sor-row for-got, love's

Bb Bb6 Gm6/Bb A F Dm F/A C

faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven-ly
 shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
 pur-est joys re-stored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are

C Gm D7/A Gm/Bb F/C C7sus C7 F

friend through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
 know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be-low.
 past, all safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

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Offertory

"In Heavenly Love Abiding" - arr. Hamlin

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

God of abundant love, you call us to live beyond fear and to love even those whom we find difficult to understand. As we offer these gifts, may they become instruments of reconciliation, justice, and compassion in a divided world. Use our offerings to welcome the stranger, support the vulnerable, and build communities of peace. Transform not only these gifts but also our hearts, that we may reflect the courageous love of Christ in all we do. Amen.

WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

***Closing Hymn**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” #496
(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

“Colors of the Wind” from “Pocahontas”

- Alan Menken & Stephen Schwartz

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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496 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Ab Db6 Db Ab

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grimway, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

Eb Ab Db6 Db

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Ab Eb Eb7 Ab Ab *Refrain*

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on Je-sus,
 lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing on Je-sus,
 lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing on Je-sus,

Db Ab Eb7 Ab Eb Ab Eb Ab

lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
 lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

Db Ab Eb Eb7 Ab

ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

WORDS: Elisha A. Hoffman (1839-1929)
 MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter (1858-1924)

SHOWALTER
 10.9.10.9.Ref.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

Tech Team: Vince Scovern, Anne Pertick, Ann Hagan
Liturgist: Amelia Ross
Ushers: Ann and Patrick Hagan, Joe Labay, Larry Robinson
Greeters: Mark and Cathleen Clark
Special Music: Connie Stone

Today's altar flowers are provided by: James Chapman

"Remembering my wife Ellie's June 25th birthday with forever love."



The poster features a light beige background with a subtle pattern of musical notes. At the top, the word "Opera" is written in a large, elegant, green cursive font, flanked by three green stars on each side. Below it, the word "PERFORMANCE" is written in a bold, brown, sans-serif font. A green horizontal bar with a white border contains the text "An Evening of Timeless Elegance" in a green, serif font, with a small green starburst icon on either side. To the left, there is a vertical strip of musical notation on a yellow background. Below this strip is a photograph of a man in a tuxedo and glasses, singing into a microphone. To the right of the photograph, the text reads: "Rev. Dan will be performing with The Cleveland Opera & Cleveland Ballet Theatre in the Italian Cultural Garden. Dan will sing several duets and close the program with the ever popular 'Nessun dorma.'" Below this text is a dark green box with the date and time "July 26, 2026 | 6:00PM" in white. Further down, another dark green box contains a location pin icon and the address: "990 East Blvd. Cleveland Italian Cultural Garden Upper Level (East Blvd.)". At the bottom, a dark green box contains the text: "Search 'Opera in the Italian Garden 2026' on Facebook for more details."

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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

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**Stan Hywet
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Monday, July 20th | 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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