



First Congregational Church of
Tallmadge
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Chuck Victor

"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

"A Festal Fanfare" (from the Fourth Concerto) - J.S. Bach

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: Though we know the struggle between the world as it is and the world God dreams for us, we come trusting in God's transforming grace.

All: We have a dream that love will overcome fear and justice will flourish for all.

One: In Christ, we are no longer bound by the powers of sin and despair, but are alive to God and called to new life.

All: We have a dream of communities where every person is welcomed, valued, and set free to thrive.

One: Come, let us worship the God who strengthens us to live with courage, compassion, and hope.

All: We have a dream, and by God's grace, we will help build the Beloved Community.

*Opening Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #68

GOD OF LOVE & MERCY

68 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

D A7 D A D G D $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise to thee an al-tar, hith-er by thy help I've come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!

D A7 D A D G D $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
 Let thy good-ness, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee;

$\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D F#m G D $\frac{G}{D}$ D $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D F#m G D

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

D A7 D A D G D $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

praise his name—I'm fixed up-on it—name of God's re-deem-ing love.
 he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, bought me with his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson (1735-1790)
 MUSIC: John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

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***Opening Prayer**

Liturgist

God of grace and new beginnings, we gather before you acknowledging the struggle within us between fear and faith, selfishness and love. Yet you call us to live as people made alive in Christ, embracing your dream of justice, reconciliation, and peace. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may become builders of your Beloved Community, living with courage, compassion, and hope for the flourishing of all your children. Amen.

Special Music

“Zion’s Walls” — Aaron Copland

Solo: Rev. Daniel J. 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: Romans 7:15-25

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

*Hymn of Preparation

"I Need Thee Every Hour" vs. 1-2 #476

(words and music on the following page)

Second Lesson: Romans 6:11-14

¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your

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I Need Thee Every Hour 476

G Am C G D D G C G

1 I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2 I need thee ev - ery hour, stay thou near by;
 3 I need thee ev - ery hour, in joy or pain;
 4 I need thee ev - ery hour, teach me thy will,

G B D G D G D A A7 D

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.
 come quick - ly, and a - bide, or life is vain.
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.

Refrain

G C G G D D7 Em D7 D7 G

I need thee, O I need thee; ev - ery hour I need thee!

G B C G B C6 G D D7 G

O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

WORDS: Annie S. Hawks (1835-1918); ref. Robert Lowry (1826-1899)
 MUSIC: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

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members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Sermon

“The Gospel in Disney: Tangled, I’ve Got a Dream”

- Rev. Daniel J. Doty

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

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Offertory

“Our Savior, Our Shepherd” (with “Sheep May Safely Graze”)

- Bach & Bradbury/Sikes

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**

Generous God, receive these gifts as signs of our hope in your dream for the world. Transform them, and transform us, into instruments of justice, compassion, and peace. Strengthen us to live as people made alive in Christ, serving our neighbors with courage, humility, and love. Amen.

WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

***Closing Hymn**

"I Need Thee Every Hour" vs. 3-4 #476

(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

"When Will My Life Begin" from "Tangled"

- Alan Menken & Glenn Slater Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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Stan Hywet Goodyear Concert Band

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JULY 20TH AT 7:00PM

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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*

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Opera PERFORMANCE
An Evening of Timeless Elegance

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."

July 26, 2026 | 6:00PM

This outdoor concert is free and open to the public. There is some dedicated seating in front of the stage that can be purchased. Find the link to purchase seating on the Facebook page.

990 East Blvd. Cleveland
Italian Cultural Garden
Upper Level (East Blvd.)

Search "Opera in the Italian Garden 2026" on Facebook for more details.



Backpack Blessing
Sunday,
August 16th

WITH SYMPATHY

Our condolences to the family and friends of Richard Reynolds, the brother of Wilma Beightol, who passed away on Friday, June 20th. Services were held in West Virginia.

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

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