



First Congregational Church of
Tallmadge
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 5, 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

"America the Beautiful" - Ward/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: Come, let us worship the God who hears the cries of the vulnerable and calls us to seek justice.

All: We come with humble hearts, trusting in God's mercy and grace.

One: Speak up for those whose voices are ignored, and defend the rights of all who are oppressed.

All: We will seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

One: Jesus reminds us that humility, not self-righteousness, opens our hearts to God's transforming love.

All: We lay aside our pride and receive God's grace with gratitude.

One: Let us worship the One who lifts up the lowly and calls us to build a world of justice, compassion, and peace.

All: Together, let us rejoice in God's inclusive love and commit ourselves to the flourishing of all.

*Opening Hymn

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" #572

MINISTRY & SERVICE

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 572

F F E Bb F Gm Gm7 C F Bb F Gm7 C7 F

1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through powers your grace con-ferred;

C Am Bdim F Gsus G7 C C F C Am Dm7 G7 C

na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,
 all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the Church made one.
 ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the Gos-pel Word.

F F7 Bb2 Bb Gm Gm7 C2 C Am Am7 Dm2 Dm Bb Gm7 C2 C

gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-fering up our-selves in praise;
 Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
 O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,

C C7 F F7 Bb F Gm Dm Gm Gm F Gm C7 F

thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
 born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
 heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

WORDS: Robert L. Edwards (1915-), alt.
 MUSIC: C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)
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 8.7.8.7.D.

***Opening Prayer**

Liturgist

God of justice and mercy, gather us into your presence with humble hearts. Free us from pride that blinds us to the needs of our neighbors, and open our eyes to those whose voices are too often ignored. Teach us to seek your justice with compassion, to speak for the vulnerable with courage, and to trust your grace more than our own achievements. Shape us into a community that reflects the humility, mercy, and inclusive love of Christ. Amen.

Special Music

“I Would Be True” — arr. Larson

Solo: Lindsay Williams

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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

HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR THE DAY

Scripture Lesson

First Lessons: Proverbs 31:8-9

- ⁸ Speak out for those who cannot speak,
for the rights of all the destitute.
⁹ Speak out, judge righteously,
defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

*Hymn of Preparation

"O for a World"

(words and music on the following page)

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:9-14

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." ¹³But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

O for a World



1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987
MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
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Sermon

*“The Gospel in Disney: Hunchback of Notre Dame, She Gave Me Water”
- Rev. Daniel J. Doty*

THE OFFERING

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Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“God Bless America” - Irving Berlin

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

Merciful God, receive these gifts offered with humble hearts. Use them to lift up those whose voices are unheard, to seek justice for the oppressed, and to extend your compassion to all who are in need. Transform our offerings—and our lives—into signs of your inclusive love and grace; through Christ our Lord. 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**

"Lead On Eternal Sovereign"

(words and music on the following page)

***Benediction**

Lead On Eternal Sovereign

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1887; alt.

1 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low in your way;
 2 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low not with fear,
 3 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,

loud rings your cry for jus - tice, your call for peace this day:
 for in each hu - man con - flict your words of strength we hear:
 and all your saints to - geth - er will sing a hymn of peace;

Through prayer-ful prep - a - ra - tion, your grace will make us strong,
 That when we serve with glad - ness, you will not let us fall,
 Then all in your do - min - ion will live with hearts set free,

to car - ry on the strug - gle to tri - umph o - ver wrong.
 our trust is in your prom - ise that love will con - quer all.
 to love and serve each oth - er for all e - ter - ni - ty.

At Andover Seminary, fellow students asked Ernest W. Shurtleff to write a hymn for their graduation. This is the result. Shurtleff became a Congregational minister and in his last years established churches in Europe and did relief work during World War I.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
 Henry T. Smart, 1836

*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

“Someday” from “The Hunchback of Notre Dame”

- Alan Menken & Stephen Schwartz

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

Tech Team:	Vince Scovern, Anne Pertick
Liturgist:	Rev. John Phillips
Ushers:	Dave Marconi, Tom Labay, Ken Caldwell, Larry Robinson
Greeters:	Bill Westfall and Mary Flohr
Special Music:	Lindsay Williams



Join us for a
FREE CONCERT!
**Stan Hywet
Goodyear
Concert Band**
Monday, July 20th | 7:00PM
FCC Fellowship Hall

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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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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.



We invite all children, youth, college students, and teachers to

Backpack Blessing

Sunday, August 16th

join us in worship. We will give you a blessing to start the year off right! Bring your backpack or bag with you.

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

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