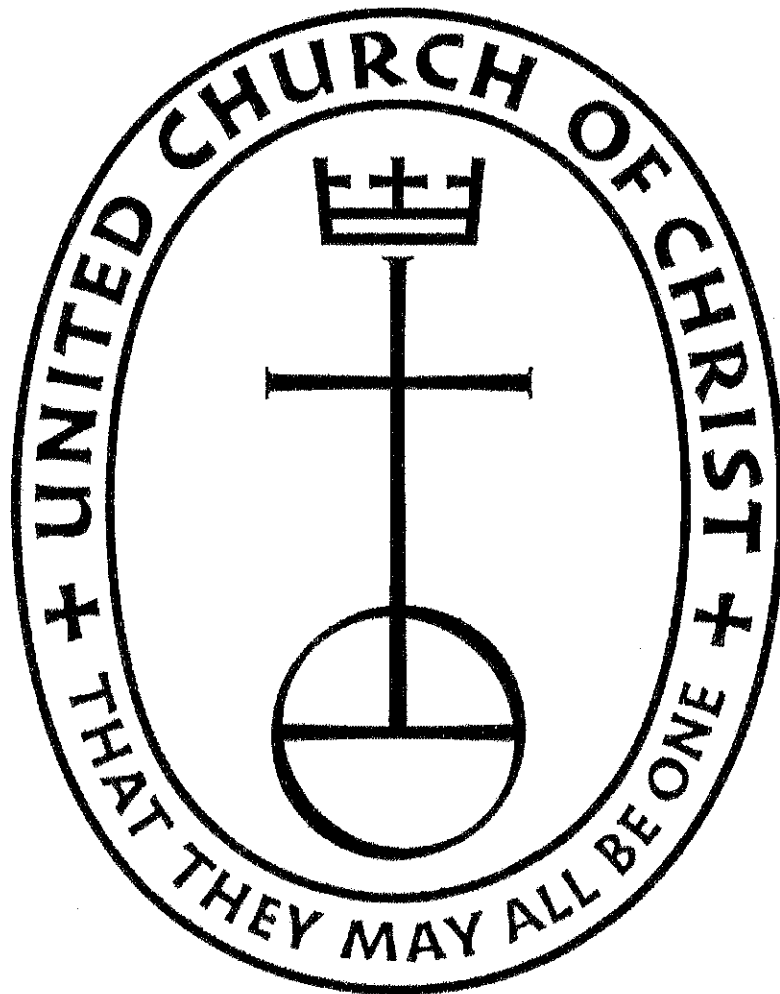


**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
AUSTINBURG, OHIO**



**April 19th 2026
The Third Sunday of Easter
11:00 a.m.**

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Third Sunday of Easter
Earth Day Week

April 19, 2026

11 am.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

CANDLE LIGHTING/ BELL/ PRELUDE

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Hear the proclamation of faith: Christ is risen from the dead! The Spirit is poured out. Lives are transformed.

P: God is active in our world. God brings hope and healing.

L: Hear the call of God: The Spirit of God invites us into community. We are called to see beyond ourselves, and to join in loving care for all those around us.

P: We accept God's call, and we rejoice in the gift of community.

L: Hear the challenge for today: The Earth is stressed by the heavy impact of human use. The whole world of God's creation is groaning, crying out in pain.

P: We name the Earth as part of our community. We extend our Love to all of God's creation.

L: People of faith, gather now to worship God the creator and redeemer of the world. Gather now to be transformed by God's compassionate love.

ALL: We praise with joy the world's creator, God of justice, love and peace.

***HYMN: " All Things Bright and Beautiful" (NCH) # 31**

***RESPONSIVE PRAYER:**

L: God, we gather in the midst of your creation, to build each other up in the faith you have given us.

P: God, we come, not alone, but as part of your community.

L: We come from isolated lives and self-centered living seeking community. So that together, we might be kept safe in God's love.

P: God, we come not alone, but as part of your community.

L: As we build together, may we pray in the power of the Holy Spirit. We await the mercy of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Open our eye that we may see you.

P: God, we come not alone, but as part of your community.

L: No one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have – Jesus Christ, who takes

P: God, We come not alone, but as part of your community.

L: Rescue us, dear God, from the tumult of our busy lives. Bind us together as we breathe your quiet presence.

P: God, we come, not alone, nut as part of your community.

L: Heavenly God, you who are community; shelter us, Christ before us, and behind us, Holy Spirit deep within us.

P: God, we come, not alone, but as part of your community.

***RESPONSE (To be sung)**

Open Our Eyes Lord, We want to see Jesus,. to reach out and touch him, and tell him we love him. Open our ears lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Genesis1: 1-13

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH TO CARE FOR CREATION

L: Let us affirm our faith together.

Women: We believe that God creates all things, renews all things, and celebrates all things.

Men: We believe Earth is a sanctuary; a sacred planet filled with God's presence. A home for us to share with our kin.

Women: We believe that God became flesh and blood, a piece of Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ. One who lived and breathed, and spoke among us. One who suffered and dies on a cross for all human beings, and for all creation.

Men: We believe that the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of creation, and filling the cosmos.

Women: We believe the Spirit renews life in creation and waits in empathy with a suffering creation; waiting with us for the rebirth of creation.

Together: We believe that with Christ, we rise. With Christ, we will celebrate a new creation together..

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Psalm 104: 24-30

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

MESSAGE: " Love God, Love Your Neighbor, Care
For Creation" Rev. Bill Terry

HYMN: "Creation's God We Humbly Pause"
- (to the tune of Melita / a.k.a. Eternal Father Strong To Save) -

*Creation's God, we humbly pause, to give you thanks
for nature's laws. The earth our legacy once born, now
suffers sore from human scorn. Help us, O God, to
mend our ways, to save the earth for future's days.*

When nature shows in clear array, the signs of devastation's sway. Give us the ears to hear the sound of plaintive cries from earth around. The air we breath is poison-filled; Help us restore the good you willed.

When famine stalks the ravished land, help us to feel and understand. Mid all our plenty we would share of all we have, our love declare. O Grant us wisdom; show us the way to end earth's hunger in our day.

Grant us , O God courageous will to discipline and change instill. To find the joy of simpler ways, enhancing life, while time delays. Creation's God, help us renew the earth, our precious trust from you.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

A TIME FOR PRAYER:

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer / Silent Prayer / Lord's Prayer (debts / debtors)

Prayer Response

A TIME FOR SHARING:

Friendship Folders

A Reminder To Send Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings to:

First UCC Church, P.O. Box 253, Austinburg, OH. 44010

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

We thank God, the Great Creator Spirit, for all the earth provides: Water, food, and all the riches above, and below the ground. We undertake to use them sparingly and thoughtfully. As we enter more deeply into the Spirit of the Land; We see the land as a sacrament, and icon, of our Creator's Spirit. Amen.

A Doxology # 780

PASSING THE PEACE:

L: Take heart in all things. The Lord IS good!

P: We shall rejoice and be glad.

*HYMN: “ *For The Beauty Of The Earth* ” (NCH) # 28

*BENEDICTION:

*** = Those who are able are invited to stand.**

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In Our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers: Rev. Allison Milligan, Karen Taylor, Maranda Rabenold, Randy Tackett, Sandy Fitzhugh Wagner, Rob Harrison, Zach Wilson, Jinny Young, Tony Schommer, Pat Yarbrough, Caroline Holden, Charlotte Carter, Margie Heino, Colleen Carrahar , Clayton Warner

Weekley Prayer: The Living Waters Association

Please keep our service members in prayer:
Robert “Nick” Grandy, John Jackam, Dan Jackam, Andrew White and all our service members.

~~~~ Calendar Notes ~~~~

Sun.. April 19th: 11 am Worship Service
Tues. April 21st: 12 pm Bible Study
4 pm Yoga
8 pm AA
Thur. April 22nd: 7 pm Game Night
Thur. April 23rd: 7 pm Council Meeting
Fri. April 24th: 8 pm GRMC
Sat. April 25th: 9:30 am Yoga
Sun. April 26th: 11 am Worship Service

**First United Church of Christ
Austinburg, Ohio
April 19th 2026**

Rev. Bill Terry

Musician: Cindy Luoma

Choir Director: Bridget Sherman

Stewardship: Please mail in your offerings to P.O. Box 253, Austinburg OH 44010. You also can sign-up for online giving at app.easytithes.com/App/Giving/austinburgucc or *sign up via our website.*

Please maintain your stewardship so we can continue to reach out in Christ's name. Thank you!~ ~ ~

Previous Sunday attendance: 27

Total Online Attendance for the March 29th service is 63

Check out our church website at
austinburgfirstucc.org Visit our Facebook page at
facebook.com/AustinburgFirstUCC
or email austinburgucc@windstream.net

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Office Phone: 440-275-5125

Tues, Thurs, Fri: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Announcements

Welcome to First UCC-Austinburg. No matter who you are, or where you are in life, you are welcome here. We welcome all ages, races, genders and orientations – because we welcome all who love the Lord with no exceptions. Please keep spreading the word we have something to share.

Red Wagon Donations for the Geneva Food Pantry for March: *Top 10 List for Samaritan House in the latest in the current Concern newsletter*

Donations for the Blessing Box can go directly into the Box by our back door. Personal toiletries and feminine Hygiene products are always needed.

Yoga Classes: will be on Tuesdays from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm, Saturdays from 9:00am to 11am in the Upper Annex

Game Nights: Game nights will be 4/22, 5/22. 5/27. The game will be Mexican Train a Dominoe game. All are invited to come



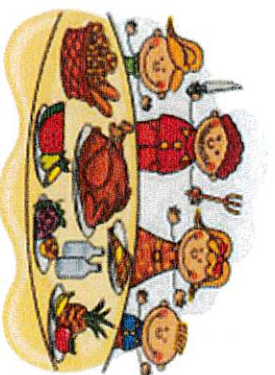
Showers of Blessings

Spring is here. We are taking control of the weather forecast, calling for April showers!!

We will be showering blessings and support to benefit those in need in our Communities. April's blessing will be dedicated to Samaritan House.

The Samaritan House is the only homeless shelter in all of Ashtabula County. We will collect items from their "Top 10 Challenge" list for the month of April. These blessings will then be showered on Samaritan House to support their mission of serving the most vulnerable members of society. Help build an outpouring of love that will grow to an overwhelming cascade of blessing for the Samaritan House.

- Disinfecting Wipes**
- Bleach**
- Disinfecting Spray**
- Dish Soap**
- Toilet Paper**
- Pine Sol**
- Towels**
- Washcloths**
- Coffee**
- Kitchen Trash Bags**
- Laundry Soap**



We appreciated everyone who came out to make sure the free community dinner was a success. From those who made the food, serving the food and cleaning up after.

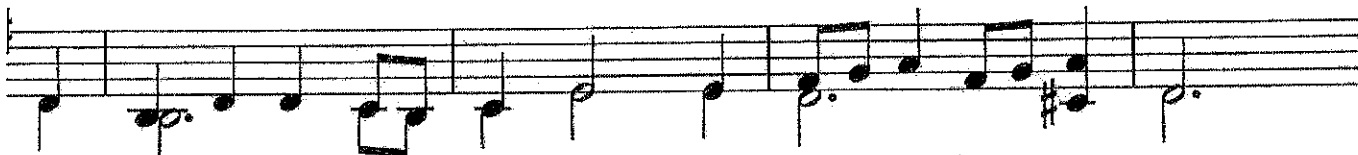
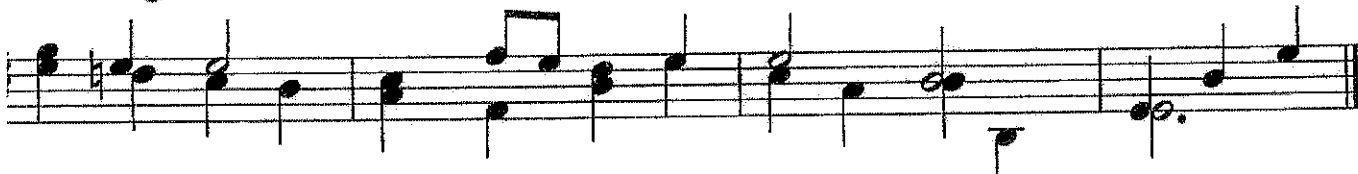
Thank You!



All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



All things wise and won - der - ful, our dear God made them all.



Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,



God made their glow-ing col - ors, and made their ti - ny wings.
 The sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.
 The ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,

For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
 For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

Refrain

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.