

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Austinburg, Ohio

Palm Sunday 2025

April 13, 2025

11 am.

"He was made what we are, that he might make us what he is himself" -

Irenaeus -

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

CANDLES/PRELUDE/ BELL

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsively)*

L: We have been are apart, and yet, we have connected to join the happy throng that honors Jesus

P: Each day we work, and our business keeps us busy but. the work of the Spirit continues.to take shape.

L: Today we celebrate, but we also remember that betrayal, rejection, and torment will follow.

P: Through it all we rejoice because Jesus walked in love every step of the way.

L: Blessed is he, who brings us salvation.

ALL: Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!

*HYMN: "*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*" (NCH/Black) # 213

*(As we sing: you are invited to wave your branches and
HAVE FUN shouting HOSANNA!)*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O Lord, the march of events during Holy Week trouble us. Forgive us , when we repeat the tragedy of denial and persecution, over and over again in our own day. Dear Jesus, deliver us from the temptation to turn your very real pain, into a pious parade. Remind us that your final destination, on that first Palm Sunday, was not a festive coronation, but to a final confirmation from God. Help us to remember that you spurned the offer of a royal crown, only to accept the shame of a cross; That you are able to save others, only because you did not save yourself; And that, for us , the cost of Grace is our devotion to God's Holy will. Amen.

***GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS:**

Hear the Good News! In the form of Jesus, God humbled himself, and became obedient unto his death on a cross. He died for us, so that we might have life, and , have it abundantly!

Praise be to God! We are forgiven people!

***CONFESSION RESPONSE: (to be sung)**

Lord, you are more precious than silver, Lord you are, more costly than gold. Lord, you are, more beautiful than diamonds, and nothing I desire compares with you.

THE FINAL LENT CANDLE: Blessing and Community

Intro

Lighting of the Final Lent Candle:

Prayer

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE: A Reading based on Matthew 21: 1-17

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN:

* HYMN: “ *Ride On, Ride On, In Majesty*” (NCH/ Black # 215)

MESSAGE: “ The Story Of Us ” Rev. Bill Terry

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

A TIME FOR PRAYER:

Call To Prayer

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

Prayer Response

A TIME FOR SHARING:

A Reminder to send Gifts, Tithes , and Offerings to:

1st UCC Church, P.O. Box 253, Austinburg, OH. 44010

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

God of wisdom, you open our eyes to behold the wonder of your mighty acts. You free our tongues to proclaim as good news , the fact that Christ has died for us all. As we welcome Jesus today, we ask that you accept us now, as we seek to follow Jesus, every day. Amen

PASSING THE PEACE

L: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

P: May Jesus live with us today! Amen.

**HYMN: " All Glory Laud and Honor " (NCH/Black) # 216*

*BENEDICTION

(Sung to the tune of "Alleluia)

Ho-o-sanna, Ho-o, sanna, Ho-o-sanna, Ho-o sanna.

Ho-o-sanna, Ho-o, sanna, Ho-o-sanna, Ho-o san-na.

POSTLUDE

*United Church of Christ Statement of Faith—original
version*

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify:

He calls the worlds into being, creates man in his own image and sets before him the ways of life and death.

He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

He judges men and nations by his righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, he has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to himself.

He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

He calls us into his church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be his servants in the service of men, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

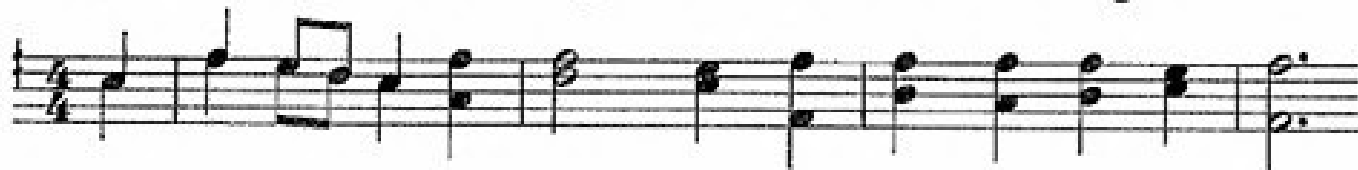
He promises to all who trust him forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, his presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him.

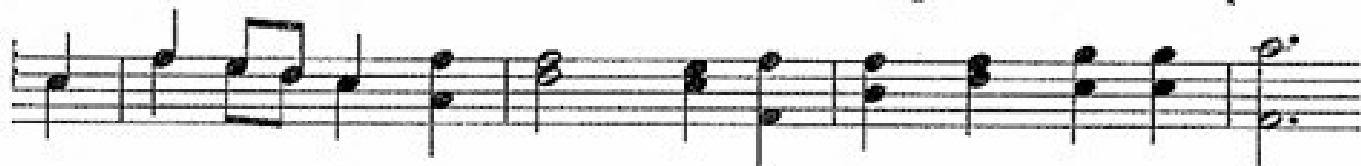
Amen.



1 "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
 We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:



To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
 The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,
 "Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don - key's gait.
 Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"



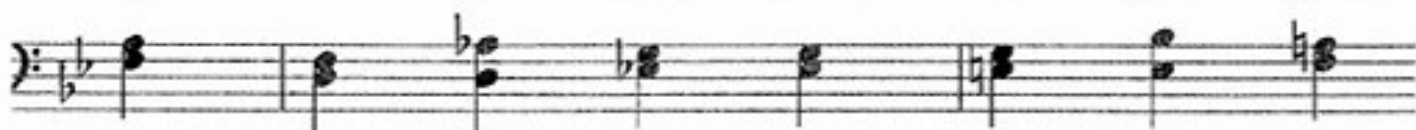
1 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!
 2 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!
 3 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!
 4 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!



O Christ, with brave hu - mil - i - ty,
 As crowds of peo - ple come to see
 Ride on in hum - ble dig - ni - ty;
 For you have set your peo - ple free



On low - ly colt, your road pur - sue,
 And shout ho - san - nas, lift - ing high
 Be - hold the ones you came to save
 And we, re - mem - bering all your pain,



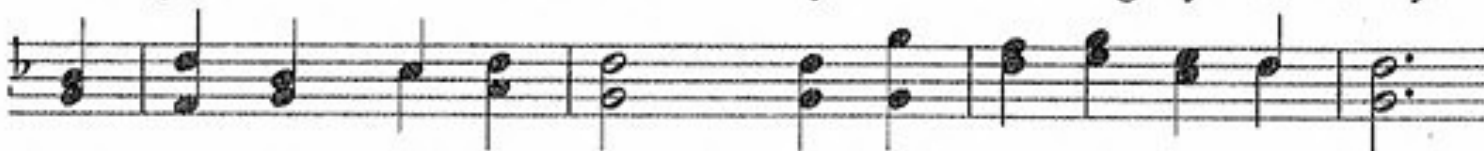
as palms and cloaks are spread for you.
 their praise for one a - bout to die.
 from sense - less life and end - less grave.
 now meet a - gain to hail your reign.



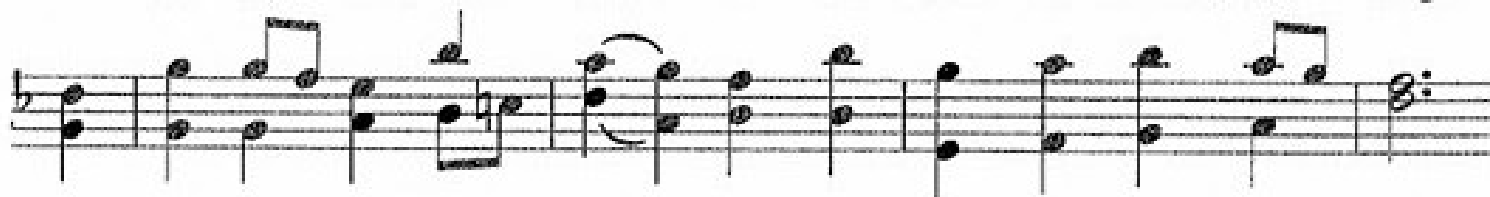
1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
 2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da - vid's roy - al line,
 3 As you re - ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,
 whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov - ereign - ty hold sway.



The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,



our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

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, Eileen Kusar, Tony Schommer, Pat Yarbrough, Rev. Frank Walford, Clayton Warner, Kathy Kline, . The Williams Family

Weekley Prayer: Pastor Tina Green (Chris) Fairport Harbor Congregational UCC

Please keep our service members in prayer: Robert "Nick" Grandy, and all our service

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Sun. April 13th: 11 AM—Worship

Tues. April 15th : 10 AM—Bible Study

11:30 - Spring Sing Celebration at Geneva Senior Center

5:30 PM—Yoga

**Wend. April 16th: 12 pm - Celebration of Life for
Judy Williams**

Thurs. April 17th: 5:30 PM—Yoga

4: 30 pm—Free Community Dinner

7pm—Maundy Thursday Service*

Fri. April 18th: 6 pm—Walk of the Cross*

Sat. April 19th : 9:30 AM—Yoga

Sun. April 20th: Easter Service**

***See Holy Week for more information**

****See Easter Resurrection for more information**

**First United Church of Christ
Austinburg, Ohio
April 13th, 2025**

**Rev. Bill Terry, Pastor Musician: Cindi Luoma
Choir Director: Bridget Sherman**

Stewardship: Our financial needs for the Church remain.
Please mail in your offerings to P.O. Box 253, Austinburg OH
44010. You also can sign-up for online giving at
app.easytith.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!**

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Previous Sunday's attendance: 36

Total Online Attendance for the March 23rd service is 28

Rev. William Terry ~ (440) 335-4031 ~ gintex3@twc.com

Check out our church website at austinburgfirstucc.org

Visit our Facebook page at

facebook.com/AustinburgFirstUCC

or email austinburgucc@windstream.net

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Thurs, and Friday : 8 am—11 am

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.

Prayers for the Church: Please submit any prayer requests directly to Pastor Bill. He will lift you in prayer each day and share with the Church Council and our Prayer Chain.

Counseling and Conversation: As always, you can call Pastor Bill directly at (440)335-4031.

Red Wagon Donations for the Geneva Food Pantry for April : Samaritan House Top 10 Challenge

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

Bible Study: We are studying the Book of John. Due to Construction, Bible Study will be in Fellowship Hall. Tuesdays at 10 am.

Yoga with Shanti Yoga Love: Yoga expert Leah from "Shanti Yoga Love" is now offering classes in the Upper Annex Classes are Tues.at 5:30 pm and 6 pm. She will also be here on Saturday Mornings at 9 am. There is a nominal fee for each class. \$15 for a single session/ \$8 if one becomes a regular. .

.Confirmation Class— Has begun, the next class is Sunday April 27th. Confirmands are encouraged to attend the Maundy Thursday service in Jefferson, at 7 pm. The Walk of the Cross in Jefferson (Starts at the Baptist Church) on Friday April 18th at 6 pm and Easter Son-Rise Service at 7 am.

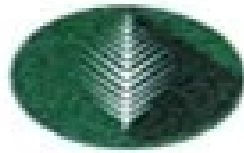
Announcements

Volunteers Needed! - The Administration board is looking for some volunteers to cover for Dwaine from June 25th to August 13th while he is on leave recovering from surgery. Basic job duties can be shared between volunteers: vacuuming/sweeping, taking out trash. If interested please contact Bob Thayer at 440-391-7213

Game Nights— Join us on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month (4/9,4/23,5/14,5/28) for Game Night. We will be playing Mexican Train a Dominos Game. Its Easy to learn and no experience needed.

Celebration of Life: On April 16th there will be a Celebration of Life Service for our dear friend Judy Williams. Visitation will be from 11 am to 12 pm. The Celebration of Life Service will start at 12 pm and a luncheon will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Spring Sing Celebration: Tuesday April 15th at 11:30 am join us at the Geneva Senior Center for a Spring Sing Celebration. All are invited to attend.



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday:

April 13th - Worship with Palms

11am at First U.C.C., Austinburg

Maundy Thursday:

April 17th, 7pm worship

“The Drama of Holy Week”

at First Congregational Church U.C.C in
Jefferson, Ohio

Good Friday:

April 18th, The Walk Of The Cross
through the town of Jefferson. Beginning

at 6 pm at the First Baptist Church on
West Jefferson St.



EASTER SUNDAY

“Resurrection Day”

April 20th

7 am - Son-rise Service

**In the park pavillion directly behind
First UCC Church in Austinburg
*(weather permitting)***

8 am - Breakfast

Austinburg UCC Fellowship Hall

Easter Celebrations:

9 am in Jefferson

**First Congregational Church of Christ
41 E. Jefferson St.**

11 am in Austinburg

**First United Church of Christ, Austinburg
2870 Rt. 307**

More information @

***www.Facebook.com/AustinburgFirstUCC
austinburgfirstucc.org * (440) 275-5125***

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

Free Community Outreach Meal



**4:30-6 PM
April 17th &
May 15th**

**Want to help?
Sign up on the Time & Talent Board
or call Sue at (440) 478-7814**