

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Austinburg, Ohio

Third Sunday of Epiphany

January 26, 2025

11 a.m.

We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now"

- Martin Luther King Jr. -

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

CANDLE LIGHTING/ PRELUDE/ BELL

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L:Come forward and hear the call of God. Meet the Christ who claims you.

P:Speak to us O, God. Show us the way to follow.

L:Come and discover the value of life. Renewed and joyful with our Lord.

P:We come with longing hearts to seek God's love. We come with gladness to sing God's praise.

L:Put aside your need for control and envy. Live as a united people who glory in the service of God.

ALL: God is our help and our strength. The love of Christ compels us. The freedom of salvation is a delight to our souls. Amen.

**HYMN: " You Are Salt For The Earth, O People " (NCH/ Black) # 181*

***UNISON PRAYER:**

God of all of our moments; Come and be near to us today. Shatter our resistance, that we may be attentive to what you would have us do and say. Bring to us the power of discernment, that we may hear the difference between your voice, and the prejudice of our desires.

Ease our minds, and release us of our anxieties. Open us to behold your glory in your sanctuary, and in the dedication of our hearts. Amen.

*RESPONSE: (to be sung)

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord. If you lead me. I will hold, your people in my heart.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURES: John 1: 1-13

Matthew 4: 18--25

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

* HYMN: “ We Have Come At Christ’s Own Bidding” (NCH) #182

MESSAGE: “ A Vision Of Being Called Together” Rev. Bill Terry

* HYMN: “ Arise Your Light Has Come” (NCH) # 164

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:

God of love, and God of mercy; We have not heard your voice shouting from a cloud, nor have we seen your strong hand reaching down to part the waters; But, we have heard your gentle voice through your people and your church. We rejoice with loud hallelujahs, with these gifts of gratitude, and with the devotion of our lives, which are in your service. Amen.

* HYMN: “God Of The Ages” (NCH/Black) # 592

* BENEDICTION:

(Then all are invited to sing)

Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love. The Fellowship of kindred minds, is like to that above.

*POSTLUDE

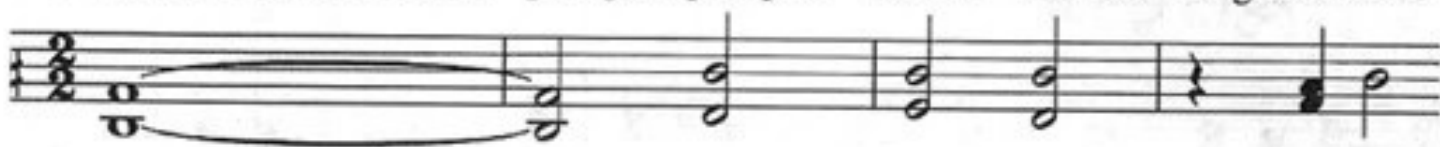
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*POSTLUDE

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1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
 4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!



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Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple: life in the Cit-y of God!
 Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
 Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!
 Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!



Refrain

G D/F# A7 D G D/F# A7 D



Bring forth the reign of mer-cy, bring forth the reign of peace;



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Bring forth the reign of jus-tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!

*HYMN:

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

(NCH) #182

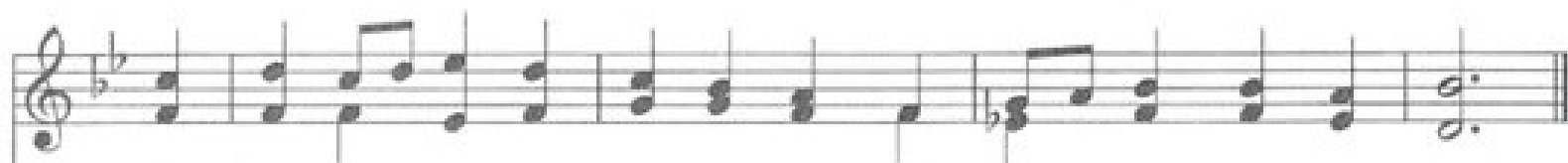
*1. We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.*

*2. Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the flesh-
joined Word, Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and
complete.*

*3. Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
We, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.*



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!
Pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.





1 God of the a - ges, who with sure com-mand
 2 Your pur - pose, just, en - vi - sions mor-tals free;
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead-ly pes - ti - lence,
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on life's toil-some way;



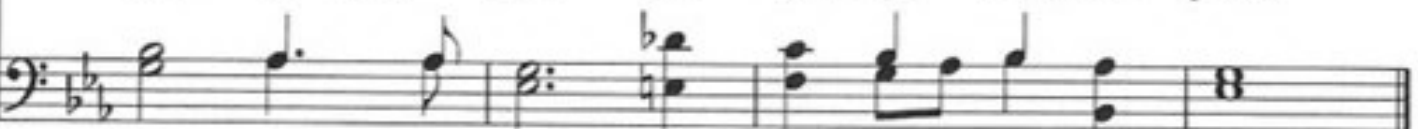
brought forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 God, set our path toward hu - man lib - er - ty.
 with stead - fast care be ev - er our de - fense;
 lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



of shin - ing worlds in splen-dor through the skies,
 Still be our rul - er, guard-ian, guide, and stay—
 Your love and faith with - in our hearts in - crease;
 With truth and love guide us through er - ror's maze,



our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
 your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
 with boun-teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and we shall give you glo - ry, laud, and praise.



In Our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers: Rev. Allison Milligan, Karen Taylor, Judy Williams, Maranda Rabenold, Randy Tackett, Sandy Fitzhugh Wagner, Rob Harrison, Zach Wilson, George Richards, Jinny Young, Eileen Kusar, Tony Schommer, Pat Yarbrough, Kris Tetrick, Rev. Frank Walford, Clayton Warner, Kathy Kline

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

Weekly Prayer: Rev. Rick and Cathy Hughes

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Sun. Jan 26th— Worship

Annual Meeting to Follow Worship

Tues, Jan 21st, 10 am—Bible Study

5:30 pm—Yoga

Thurs, Jan 23rd 5:30 pm— Yoga

**Sat. Jan 24th 9 AM- Men's Breakfast at
Dennys**

9:30 am— Yoga

Sun. Feb 2nd — Worship

Communion Sunday!

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Austinburg, Ohio
January 26th , 2024

Rev. Bill Terry, Pastor

Musician: Cindy 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.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!**

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Previous Sunday's attendance: 28

General Fund Giving for January : \$14,196.67

General Fund Budget for January : \$10,059.38

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Check out our church website at austinburgfirstucc.org

Visit our Facebook page at

facebook.com/AustinburgFirstUCC

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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 January : . Soup is the item for January, especially chicken noodle and tomato

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 will meet in the conference room at 10 am this Tuesday morning. We are studying the Book of John

Office Hours: Office hours for Cameron are as follows, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays 8 am to 11 am.

With occasional Saturdays as needed.

Yoga with Shanti Yoga Love: Yoga expert Leah from "Shanti Yoga Love" is now offering classes in the Upper Annex beginning this week. Classes are Tues.at 5:30 pm & 6pm. Leah 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. Leah is member at First Congregational UCC in Jefferson, Ohio

February Blanket Month: The Church World Service blanket is at the front of the sanctuary. Through the month of February hearts will be added representing donations made to the purchase for those in need around the world. (cont.)

Announcements

February Blanket Month: (cont.). For \$10 a blanket can be donated in honor or in memory of someone. The forms for your donations are in the Concern newsletter and at the back of the church. The forms may be filled out and put with your donation in the collection plate or sent to First UCC PO Box 253, Austinburg, OH 44010. In the past 10 years our congregation has sent donations for **971** blankets to CWS.

**** NEXT WEEK ****

Winnie's turning 90!

Her family invites you to
join them to honor
Winnie Cerbin at the
Austinburg Town Hall on
February 2, 2025
from 2-4pm

No RSVP needed.

Please help us spread the word -
All those near and far are
welcome to stop by and celebrate
with cake and cookies!

The only presents she needs is
your presence.