

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Austinburg, Ohio**

**Sixth Sunday After Epiphany**

**February 15, 2026**

**11 am.**

*"The soul that is within me, no man can degrade" - Frederick Douglas -*

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

**CANDLE LIGHTING / BELL/ PRELUDE**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP: ( Responsively )**

**L: O give thanks to God. Call on God's name. Make known God's deeds among all people!**

**P: We will give thanks, because God has redeemed us in this life and the next.**

**L: Sing to God. Sing praises to God. Tell of all God's wonderful works!**

**P: We will praise God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with our all our mind.**

**ALL: Let us worship, and glory in God's holy name.**

**\*HYMN: "Come, We Who Love God's Name" (NCH) # 382**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Amazing creator of ourselves and the world; You sent Jesus as the light of the world to remove the scales from our eyes. Forgive us and heal us , O God, for we are still wandering in darkness. We continue to hold grudges, pursue material security, fear other people, and prepare for war. Beckon to us. Send your Holy Spirit that we may awaken to see the light of truth in our lives, and for the existence of humanity. Amen.**

**\* GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS:**

**L: Christ has died for all, to clean us our sins away. So, remember your Baptisms, and live a new life each day in the assurance that we are forgiven.**

**P: Praise be to God.**

**\*RESPONSE:**

***We are mar-ching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are mar-ching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. (see NCH # 526)***

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURES: Matthew: 17: 1-9  
2 Peter 1: 16-21

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN:

HYMN: "*When Israel Was In Egypt's Land*" (NCH/Black) # 572

MESSAGE: "Dazzling To Behold" Rev. Bill Terry

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*HYMN: "*Standing In The Need Of Prayer*" (NCH/Black) # 519

A TIME FOR PRAYER:

Joys and Concerns

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

Prayer Response

A TIME OF SHARING:

Friendship Folders

Mission Moment: Give A Heart For Blankets

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

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

Unison Prayer of Dedication:

**Living God, source of all goodness, what can we give that has not already been given to us? Surely no gift of ours can repay Christ's gift of love. Therefore, we offer ourselves, with thanksgiving for a new life in the Spirit, and place before you what we have in response to your love. Use us in ways that fulfill your plan for creation, and bless what we give so that others may learn of your ways. Amen.**

A Doxology: NCH # 780

## PASSING THE PEACE

L: When we are at peace with each other,

**P: There can be peace in the world**

L: When we are at peace with ourselves,

**P: There can be peace in the world.**

L: When we are at peace with God,

**P: There is peace in in this world.**

**ALL: Let there be peace on earth.**

\*HYMN: "*Every Time I Feel The Spirit*" (NCH/Black) # 282

## \* 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

\* = Those who are able are invited to stand

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1 Come, we who love God's name, and let our joys be known; To -  
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God; But  
 3 God's grace on earth is found, the seeds of glo - ry sown; Ce -  
 4 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets Be -  
 5 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - ery tear be dry; We're



geth - er God's great love pro - claim, to - geth - er God's great love pro -  
 we our thanks and praise will bring, but we our thanks and praise will  
 les - tial fruits on earth - ly ground, ce - les - tial fruits on earth - ly  
 fore we reach the heaven - ly fields, be - fore we reach the heaven - ly  
 trav - eling through Em - man - uel's ground, we're trav - eling through Em - man - uel's



claim, and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.  
 bring for love so deep and broad, for love so deep and broad.  
 ground from faith and hope have grown, from faith and hope have grown.  
 fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.  
 ground to great - er worlds on high, to great-er worlds on high.



And thus sur-round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.

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*Refrain*

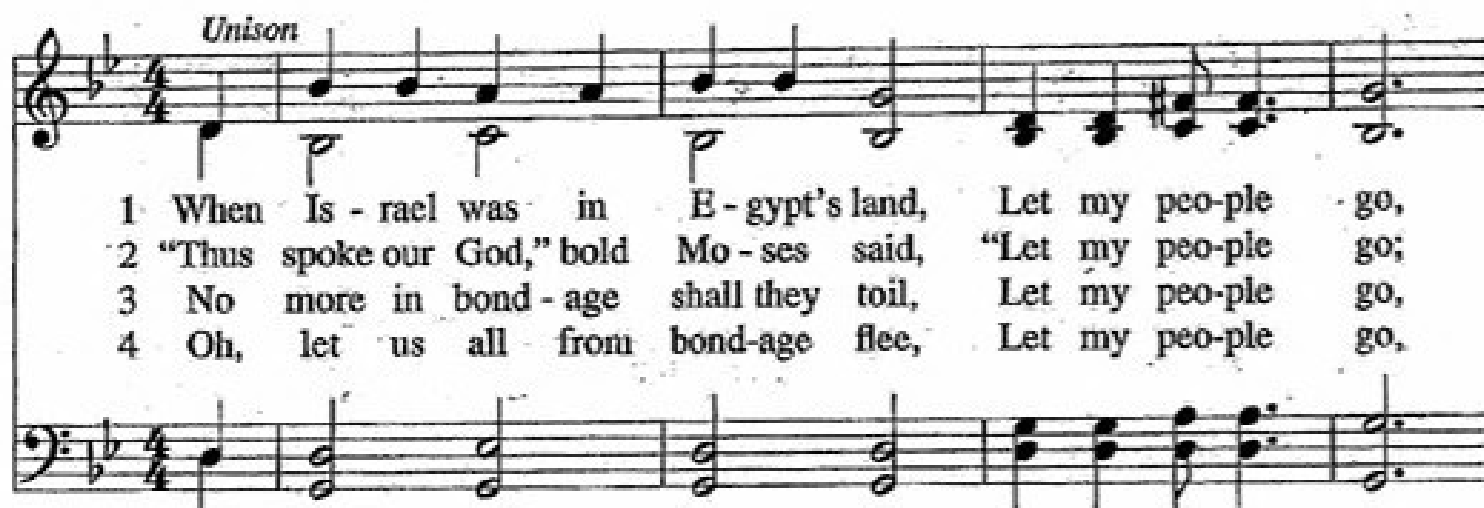
We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful Zi - on; We're

We're march-ing on to Zi - on,

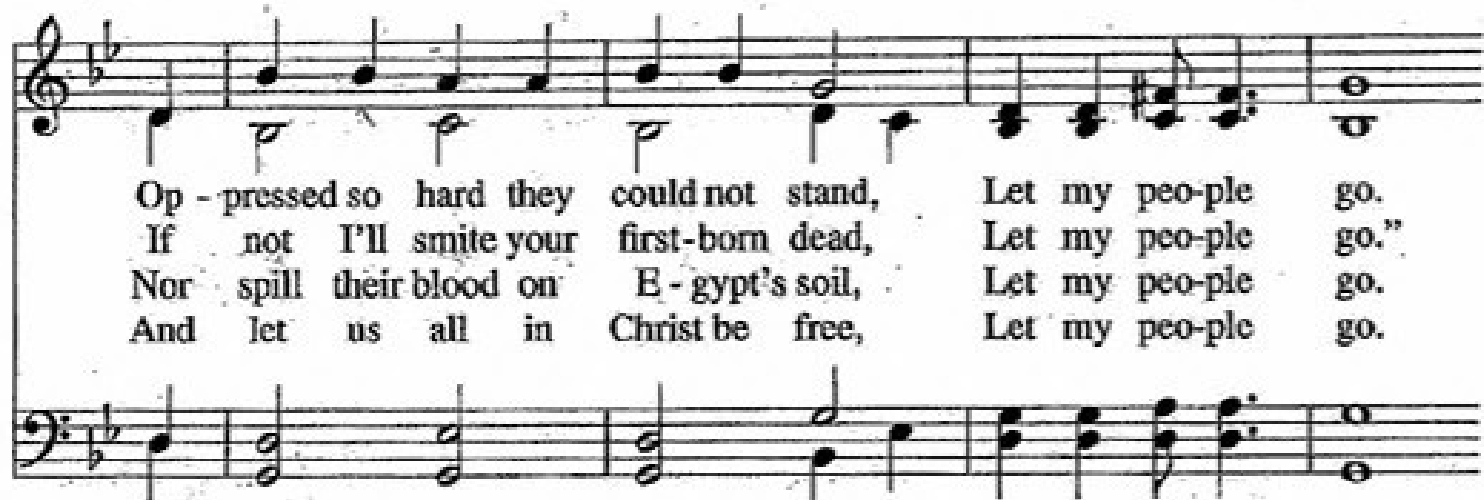
march-ing on-ward to Zi - on, the beau-ti-ful cit-y of God.

Zi - on, Zi - on, the

*Unison*



1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, Let my peo-ple go,  
 2 "Thus spoke our God," bold Mo - ses said, "Let my peo-ple go;  
 3 No more in bond - age shall they toil, Let my peo-ple go,  
 4 Oh, let us all from bond-age flee, Let my peo-ple go,



Op - pressed so hard they could not stand, Let my peo-ple go.  
 If not I'll smite your first-born dead, Let my peo-ple go."  
 Nor spill their blood on E - gypt's soil, Let my peo-ple go.  
 And let us all in Christ be free, Let my peo-ple go.

*Refrain*



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,



Tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo-ple go.

*Leader*

1 Not my broth - er, nor my sis - ter, but it's me, O God,  
 2 Not the preach - er, nor the dea - con, but it's me, O God,  
 3 Not my fa - ther, nor my moth - er, but it's me, O God,  
 4 Not the strang - er, nor my neigh - bor, but it's me, O God,

*All* *Leader*

stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not my broth - er, nor my sis - ter, but it's  
 stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not the preach - er, nor the dea - con, but it's  
 stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not my fa - ther, nor my moth - er, but it's  
 stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not the strang - er, nor my neigh - bor, but it's

*All* *Refrain*

me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.  
 me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer. It's  
 me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.  
 me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.

me, it's me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer;  
 it's me,

It's me, it's me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer.

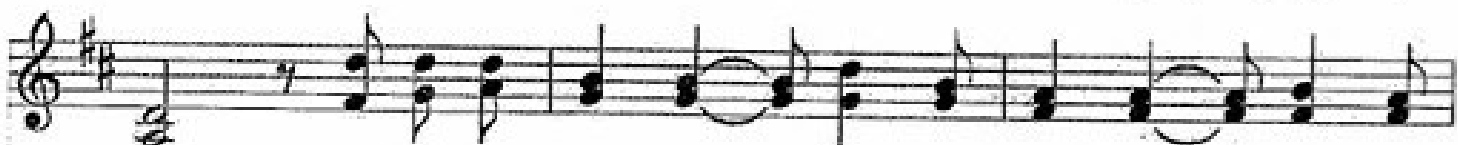
it's me,

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Standing in the Need of Prayer'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of lyrics is 'It's me, it's me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer.' The second line of lyrics is 'it's me,'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with large notes and clear lyrics.

*Refrain*



Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will



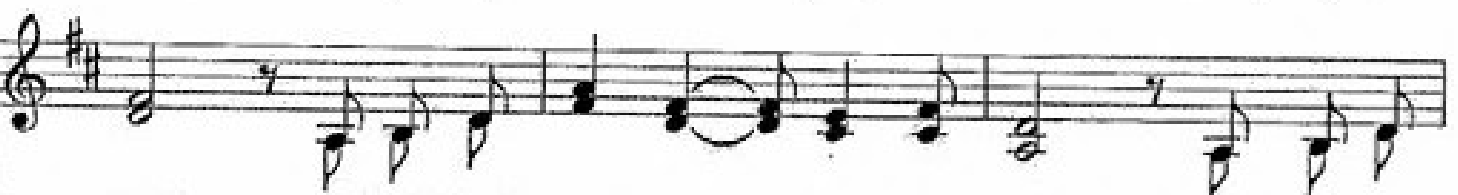
pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing



*Last time, end*



in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God  
2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and



spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -  
cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly



*to Refrain*



round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.  
one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.

# 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: Pastor Dick and Fran Jones

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

## *~~~~ Calendar Notes ~~~~*

**Sunday. Feb 15th : 11 am Worship Service**

**Mon. Feb 16th: 7 pm America 250 Unity Forum**

**Tues. Feb 17th: 10 am Bible Study**

**4 pm Yoga**

**8 pm AA**

**Wend Feb 18th : 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service—  
Jefferson UCC**

**Thurs. Feb 19th: 4:30 pm Free Community Dinner**

**7 pm Council Meeting**

**Fri Feb 13th: 8 pm GRMC**

**Sat Feb 14th: 9 am Yoga**

**Sunday. Feb 15th : 11 am Worship Service**

# **First United Church of Christ Austinburg, Ohio February 15th 2026**

**Rev. Bill Terry**

**Musician: Chris Sherman**

**Choir Director: Bridget Sherman**

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**Stewardship:** Please mail in your offerings to P.O. Box 253, Austinburg OH 44010. You also can sign-up for online giving at [app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/austinburgucc](http://app.easytithe.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 attendance: 27

Total Online Attendance for the Jan 18th service is 12

Check out our church website at [austinburgfirstucc.org](http://austinburgfirstucc.org)

Visit our Facebook page at [facebook.com/](https://facebook.com/AustinburgFirstUCC)

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or email [austinburgucc@windstream.net](mailto:austinburgucc@windstream.net)

## **Pastor Bill's Contact Information**

**Rev. William Terry ~ (Landline) (440) 335-4031 ~  
gintex4@twc.com**

## **Office Hours:**

Office Phone: 440-275-5125

Tues, Thurs, Fri: 5:30 pm to 8:30 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 February: *tuna & toilet paper for the food pantry***

**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:** has resumed please join us on Tuesday mornings at 10 am in the Conference Room.

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

**Blanket The World With Love:** So far, our Church World Service blanket has over \_\_ hearts representing your caring for those less fortunate around the world. Here in the US, CWS blankets provide comfort in many communities hit by disaster , those in shelters or used by agencies assisting those experiencing hard times Each donation of \$10 buys a blanket for someone in need. You can use the forms in the back of the church. They can be put into the offering plate or mailed to the church

**Special Guest Preacher** On February 22 2026 we will be joined by Reverend Dr. David Long-Higgins as our Special Guest . He will be preaching for our church this Sunday. and a light lunch will follow .


# Today



*Music*

**Erie Heights Brass Ensemble**

**Playing Dixieland Music**



**Sunday, February 15th  
4 PM**

**Free Pancake Dinner following Concert**

**First United Church of Christ,**

**Austinburg**

**2870 Rt. 307**



**DIXIELAND**

*Free admission  
goodwill offering*

# This Week

Semiquincentennial  
**Unity Forum**  
"a more perfect union"



• February 16 •  
• 7:00 pm •

• First United  
Church of Christ  
Austinburg

2870 State Route 307, Austinburg, OH  
44010

HeARTSstrings

Conversations with local leaders  
Dr. John Patterson, moderator

America250-Ashtabula County  
Theatre Troupe  
Marti Milliken Dixon, director





Ash Wednesday Service will be February 18<sup>th</sup>.  
A joint service will be held at First Congregational  
UCC in Jefferson at 7 pm.

## *Free Community Outreach Meal*



**4:30-6 PM  
February 19<sup>th</sup> &  
March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Want to help? We are in need of a clean up crew  
5:45-6:45.**

**Sign up on the Time & Talent Board**

**or call Sue at (440) 478-7814**

## **“Share The Dream”**

**FELLOWSHIP and LEARNING  
for LENT**

Each Wednesday in Lent

Join Pastor Bill, as the people of First  
Congregational Church in Jefferson, invite us to  
Lenten Dinners/ and video discussions.

**6 pm – 7:30 pm**

We will watch a 6 part video based on the life and  
teachings of Martin Luther King Jr. featuring  
6 unifying principles to share in a world divided

*Love - Conscience - Justice –  
Freedom – Perseverance – Hope*

**Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**at 41 E. Jefferson St.**

