

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Austinburg, Ohio

Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

11 am.

" Kindness in Giving Creates Love " - Lau Tzu -

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Welcome Music

BELL / PRELUDE/ CANDLE LIGHTING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION MUSIC:

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

L: The God of salvation greets us here.

P: We are reminded of the promises of God

L: Hear the welcome of God's voice.

P: Surely, God is with us.

L All of creation proclaims the wonders of God.

P: We come together to learn what God has in store for us.

ALL: Let us give thanks for the love of God.

***HYMN: " Just As I Am " (NCH/Black) # 207**

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Have mercy upon us, and hear our prayer, O God. We have failed to live in the light of your covenant. You set your rainbow above us, yet the clouds of unbelief darken our days. Distrust wells within us; Our watchwords have become fear, instead of hope; Anger, instead of kindness. We build walls instead of Good deeds. Jesus bids us to follow, but we are slow to obey. Without your grace, we are fruitless and inert. In mercy, Lord, we ask that you renew us and bring us to new life, through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

*** GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS:**

L: Christ has died for all, to clean 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: (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.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Lamentations 3: 19-24
James 1: 17-25

MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

*HYMN: “ *Great Is Your Faithfulness*” (NCH/ Black) # 423

MESSAGE: “ A Light of Kindness and Good Deeds” Rev. Bill Terry

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

A TIME FOR PRAYER:

Call To Prayer

Joys and Concerns

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

Prayer Response

A TIME FOR SHARING:

Friendship Folders

Mission Moment: One Great Hour Of Sharing

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 you, God, for the gift of faith that you share with all of creation . Thank you for the covenant given to us in Jesus Christ. Help us to do our part to share your love with all the world. Use our offerings and our lives to bring a realization of your reign among us. Extend your realm by re-creating the church as a true representation of Jesus Christ. Teach us to serve with a humble spirit; Teachable, and faithful to you. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

*Communion Hymn: *"Here O My Lord, I See Thee Face To Face" # 336 (vs 1-3 only) (NCH/Black)*

Prayer

Institution

Distribution

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Gracious God, we thank you for this meal and for all of the ways you nourish us. Grow in us that we may nourish others. Sustain us as we press toward the goal of your call in Christ Jesus. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

L: Children of God, Be at peace.

P: **Peace to you, Peace in our Hearts. Peace to all.**

*HYMN: *"Down At The Cross" (NCH) #189*

*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 comfortable are invited to stand.

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1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that your
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
 3 Just as I am, you will re - ceive, will wel - come,
 4 Just as I am, your love un - known has bro - ken



blood was shed for me, And that you called in -
 con - flict, many a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause your prom - ise
 ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be yours, and



vit - ing me, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 yours a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!



1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,



with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see,
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.



You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be,
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love,
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

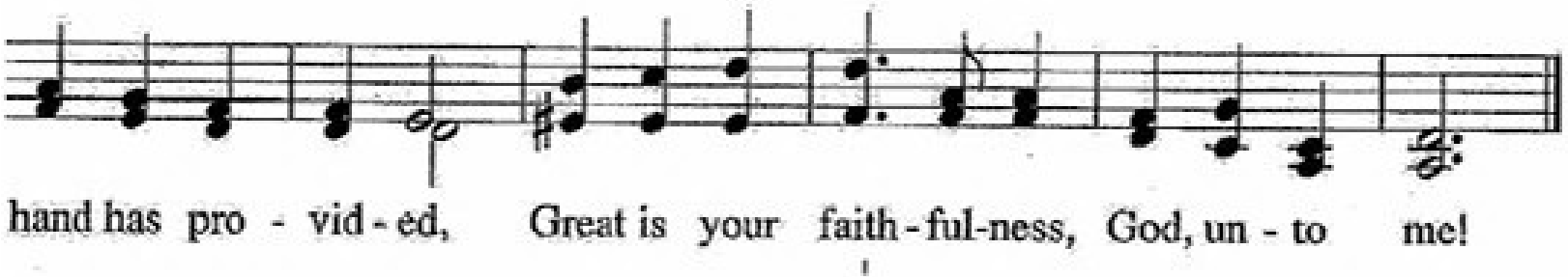
Refrain



Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing: new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed your



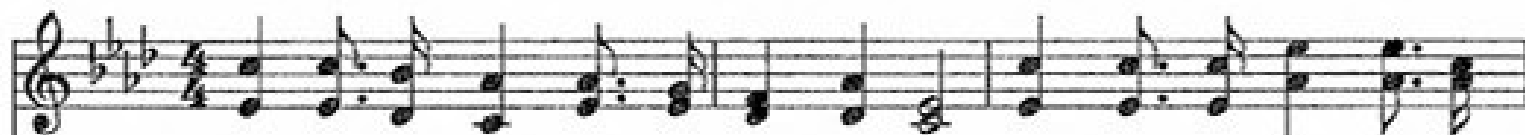
hand has pro - vid - ed, Great is your faith - ful - ness, God, un - to me!

1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 Too soon we rise; the sym - bols dis - ap - pear;
 5 We have no help but yours, nor do we need

here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 here share the cup, the gra - cious gift of heaven;
 this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread a - new;
 the meal, but not your love, is past and gone.
 an - oth - er strength than yours to lean up - on.

Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let me feast, and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 This joy - ful feast con - firms that you are here,
 It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;

And all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 the brief, bright hour to - geth - er here with you.
 now and for - ev - er, as our shield and sun.
 our faith is in your might, your might a - lone.



1 Down at the cross where my Sav - ior died, down where for cleans-ing from
 2 I am so won-drous - ly saved from sin, Je - sus so sweet - ly a -
 3 O pre-cious foun - tain that saves from sin, I am so glad I have
 4 Come to this foun - tain so rich and sweet, cast your poor soul at the



sin I cried, there to my heart was the blood ap - plied—
 bides with - in; there at the cross where Christ took me in—
 en - tered in; there Je - sus saves me and keeps me clean—
 Sav - ior's feet; plunge in to - day and be made com - plete—



Refrain



(1-4) Glo - ry to Christ's name. Glo - ry to Christ's name, glo - ry to Christ's



name; There to my heart was the blood ap - plied; glo - ry to Christ's name.

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, Kris Tetrick, Caroline Holden, Charlotte Carter, Margie Heino, Colleen Carrahar, Clayton Warner

Weekley Prayer: Gustavus Federated Church
In Farmdale Ohio

Please keep our service members in prayer:
Robert "Nick" Grandy, John Jackam, Dan Jackam,

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

**Sunday, March 1st : 11 am Worship Service**

**Tues. March 3rd : 12 pm Bible Study**

**4 pm Yoga**

**8 pm AA**

**Wend. March 4th 6 pm Lenten Supper and Study at  
Jefferson**

**Fri. March 5th : 8 pm GRMC**

**Sat March 6th : 9 am Yoga**

**Sunday, March 7th**

**11 am Worship Service,**

# First United Church of Christ Austinburg, Ohio March 1st 2026

Rev. Bill Terry

Musician: Chris Sherman

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.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!~ ~ ~

Previous Sunday attendance: 34

Total Online Attendance for the Feb 8th service is 22

Check out our church website at [austinburgfirstucc.org](http://austinburgfirstucc.org) Visit our Facebook page at [facebook.com/AustinburgFirstUCC](https://facebook.com/AustinburgFirstUCC) or email [austinburgucc@windstream.net](mailto:austinburgucc@windstream.net)

## Pastor Bill's Contact Information

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## 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 March: **Bars of Soap for the Geneva Food Pantry (Goal donation: 225 bars)**

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 afternoon at Noon 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: THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all who made our February Blanket Month a great success. With the generosity of many donors, we have filled our Church World Service blanket with \_\_\_\_ Hearts representing blankets to be sent to people in need in the US and around the world

**Game Nights:** Game nights will be on March 11th, 25th. We will be playing Mexican Train a Dominos game.

**Children's Dedication Sunday :** This service will be March 8th 2026. Please let us know by March 4th by calling the church at (440) 275—5125