

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Austinburg, Ohio.

Palm Sunday 2026

March 29, 2026

11 am.

"We join the crowd and cry, Save Us!. What are we really asking?"

- Allene M. Parker -

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

CANDBLIGHTING/ BELL/ PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL SONG OF PREPARATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (*Responsively*)

L: Come from the city streets!

P: Join the happy throng that gathers to honor Jesus!

L: Come from your busy homes and places of business!

P: Put down your work in joyful celebration!

L: Come lay down your sorrows and worries.

P: Turn your eyes toward the savior whom God has sent.

L: Let all join in a joyful song!

ALL: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus Christ! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

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

(*Feel free to shout HOSANNA, randomly throughout the Hymn*).

*UNISON PRAYER:

Almighty God: We give thanks for Jesus who rode into Jerusalem not to conquer but to love. We thank you that he came in peace, not in military might. Yet, we know that he was a game changer. One who overturned tables, and overturned hearts. One who broke walls of hate, yet many found reason to hate. Ride into our lives this day, that we may celebrate your arrival, yet remain with you on the path to the cross. For Jesus was able to save others, only because he did not save himself. So teach us selfless love, and the courage to see it through. Amen.

* GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS:

L: Hear the Good News! Even though Jesus was in the form of God, he 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!

P: Praise be to God! We are forgiven people!

*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 with you.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Psalm 118: 25-29

SECOND SCRIPTURE: John 11: 9-19

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM:

Choir

MESSAGE: " Becoming Obvious " Rev. Bill Terry

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

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:

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 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. Accept these gifts, as we seek to follow Jesus, and help to sing Hosanna every day. Amen

A Doxology : #780

PASSING THE PEACE

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

May Jesus live with you today!

P: And also with you!

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

*BENEDICTION:

*CHORAL RESPONSE:

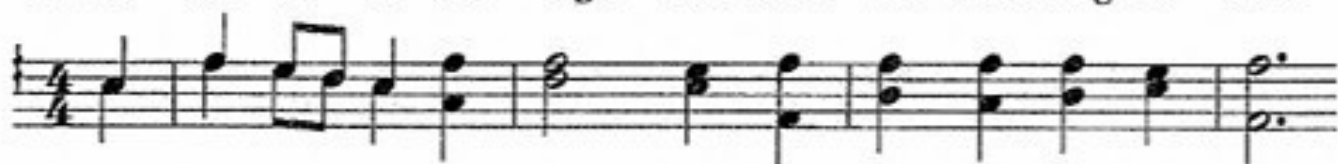
*POSTLUDE

* = Those who are comfortable are invited to stand.

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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.



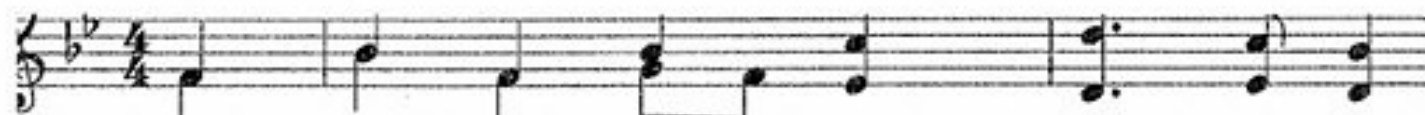
through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
 We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:



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,



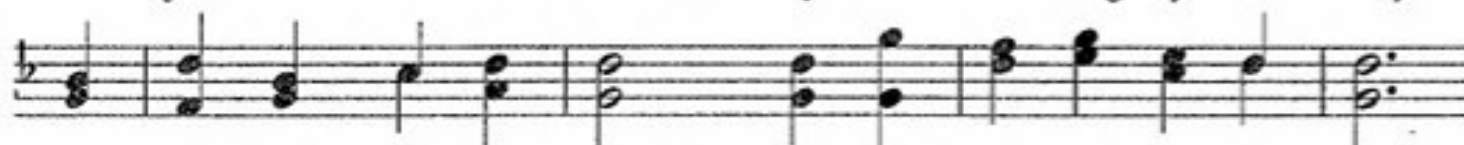
as palms and cloaks are spread for you.
 their praise for one a - bout to die.
 from sense - less life and end - less grave.
 now meet a - gain to hail your reign.



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, Tony Schommer, Pat Yarbrough, Caroline Holden, Charlotte Carter, Margie Heino, Colleen Carrahar , Clayton Warner

Weekley Prayer: First Congregational UCC
Jefferson

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

~~~~ Calendar Notes ~~~~

Sunday. March 29th: 11 am Worship Service

Sunday. March 31st: 12 pm Bible Study

4 pm Yoga

8 pm AA

Fri. April 3rd : 8 pm GRMC

Sat April 4th : 9 am Yoga

Sunday. April 5th: 11 am Worship Service,

First United Church of Christ Austinburg, Ohio March 22nd, 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.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 37

Total Online Attendance for the March 1st is service is

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

Pastor Bill's Contact Information

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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: ***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.

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

RAM Free Medical Clinic: Will be April 11-12 2026. at Lakeside Jr Highschool in Ashtabula. Parking lot opens at 12 am. Clinic opens at 6 AM . It is free, and is first come first serve until capacity is met. No ID required

Holy Week

Palm Sunday March 29th

Followed by a parade of Palms around the park with a miniature horse



**GOOD
FRIDAY**

Maundy Thursday

April 2nd — 7 pm

Austinburg



Good Friday.... April 3rd

10 am - St Peters in Ashtabula

6 pm - First Baptist in Jefferson

Easter..... April 5th

Son - Rise Service at 7:30 am - Austinburg

Breakfast at 8:15 am - Austinburg

Worship at 11 am

