

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Austinburg, Ohio

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

11 am.

"Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation"

- Elton Trueblood -

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

CANDLE LIGHTING / RINGING THE BELL/ PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

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

L: Behold! Christ is risen from the dead.

P: Let us break forth into joy!

L: God has comforted those who sorrow.

P: Let us sing praises together!

L: God gives us victory through Jesus Christ.

ALL: Thanks Be To God!

***HYMN:** "*Come O Fount Of Every Blessing*" (NCH) # 459

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

Author of life, you have given us breath to praise you, eyes to behold your mercy, and words to proclaim your abiding love. Lift your divine light, that we may see your wider glory all around us. We ask that you heal our hearts and ease our distress. Breathe the Holy Spirit upon us that our minds may be open to your wisdom, and our tongues may boldly declare that you alone are God. Through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.

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

Open Our Eyes Lord, We want to see Jesus,. to reach out and touch him, and tell him we love him. Open our ears lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURES: Acts 3: 1-10

U.C.C STATEMENT OF FAITH (NCH/ Black) # 885

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM:

MESSAGE: “ Rise and Walk” Rev. Bill Terry

HYMN: “ Holy, Holy, Holy” (NCH #277)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

A TIME FOR PRAYER:

Joys and Concerns

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

Prayer Response

Friendship Folders

Mission Moment : Strengthen The Church

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

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

Unison Prayer of Dedication:

Blessed Lord, you are so infinite and loving. You amaze us every day. You have done so much, and yet, you invite us to join you. Take these gifts and multiply them into your service, for your people, in your world, in your name. Amen

A Doxology (NCH/Black) # 780

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Hymn: Give Thanks

Give thanks, with a grateful heart. Give thanks, to the Holy One.

Give thanks, because God's given Jesus Christ, the Son. Give thanks, with a grateful heart. Give thanks, to the Holy One. Give thanks, because God's given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now, let the weak say I am strong; Let the poor say I am rich, because of what, the Lord has done, for us.

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Give thanks, Give Thanks, Give Thanks.

Pastor: Let us gather around the table with the offering of bread and drink upon it and the promise of the Living Christ among us. This is the welcome table of God, where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced.

PEOPLE: We are ready!

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty."

PEOPLE: Our spirits are hungry and thirsty, O Lamb of God, we come!

Pastor: We remember that, on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took his authority as the Christ and offered the bread in thanksgiving and said...

PEOPLE: "Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Pastor: In the same way, and by the same authority, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,

PEOPLE: “Take drink. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit. Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ’s presence in these ordinary things, in these, our ordinary lives. May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ in our midst. Through the broken bread...

PEOPLE: We participate in the body of Christ.

Pastor: Through the cup of blessing...

PEOPLE: We participate in the new life Christ gives.
(The bread is broken and the cup is poured)

Pastor: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Come, for all things are ready!

Sharing of the Elements : Come Forward To Receive

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Gracious and loving God, you have made us one body in Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Thank you for feeding the hunger and relieving the thirst of our spirit. Now send us into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to find the lost and lonely, to heal broken souls, to free prisoners, and to make the powerful care. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim—in all we say and do—your good news in Christ Jesus, our Savior...Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

L: God lifts us, and summons us to new life!

May the Spirit of God dwell with you.

P: **And, also with you!**

*HYMN: “ *Rise Up O Saints Of God*” (Pilgram/Red) #300

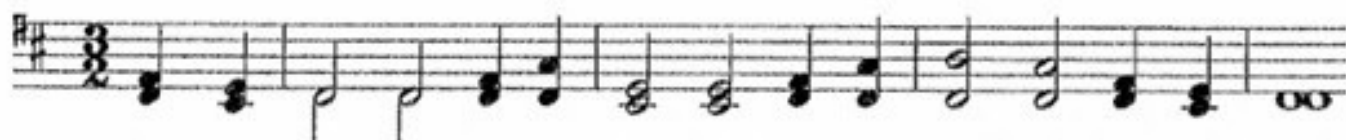
* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE:

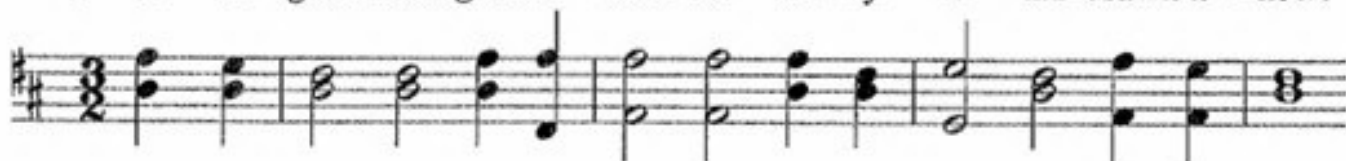
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* = **Those who are able are invited to stand.**

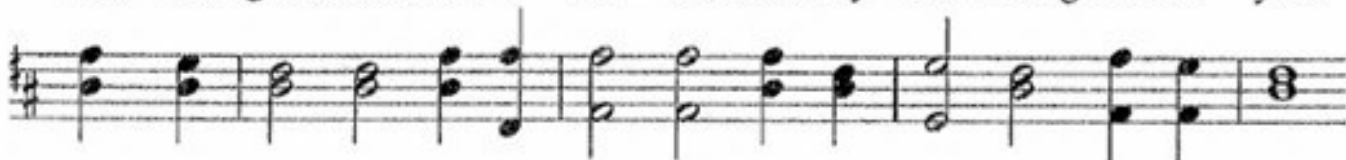
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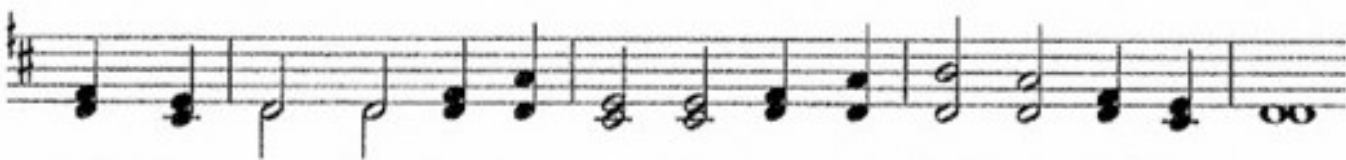
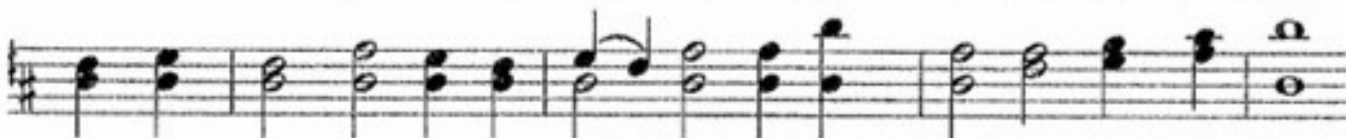
1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
 2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav - ing come,
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
 come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
 Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.
 Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless - ed bod - y, pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

U.C.C. Statement of Faith - Doxology NCH 885 large print

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness
and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and
risen Savior,
you have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
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.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though we know but dim - ly,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing we praise your maj - es - ty.
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eyes of hum - an - kind your glo - ry may not see,
 All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.



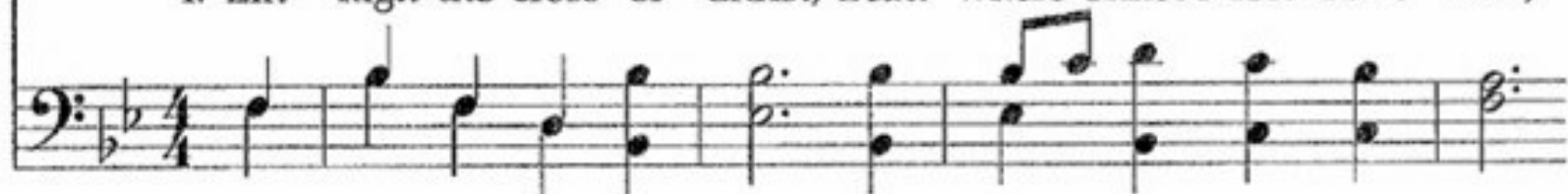
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,
 You a - lone are ho - ly, you a - lone are wor - thy,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 From the be - gin - ning, God e - ter - nal - ly.
 Per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!



1. Rise up, O saints of God! Have done with less - er things;
2. Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom tar - ries long.
3. Rise up, O saints of God! The church for you doth wait,
4. Lift high the cross of Christ; tread where Christ's feet have trod;



give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
Bring in the day of righ-teous-ness, and end the night of wrong.
with strength un-e-e-qual to the task; rise up and make it great.
come sis-ters, broth-ers in the faith, rise up, O saints of God.



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 Don and Molly Smith

Weekley Prayer: The Heartland Conference

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

~~~~ Calendar Notes ~~~~

Sun.. May 3rd: 11 am Worship Service

Tues. May 5th: 4 pm Yoga

8 pm AA

Fri. May 8th: 8 pm GRMC

Sat. May 9th: 9:30 am Yoga

Sun. May 10th: 11 am Worship Service

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May 3rd 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: 27

Total Online Attendance for the April 12th service is 89

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

Rev. Bill Terry ~ (Landline) (440) 335-4031 ~
gintex3@att.net*

***Pastor Bills email has been changed all email should now go to the above email.**

Office Hours:

Office Phone: 440-275-5125

Tues, Wend, 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 May: 225 Ramen Noodle Packets

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

Game Nights: Game nights will be 5/13. 5/27. The game will be Mexican Train a Dominoe game. All are invited to come

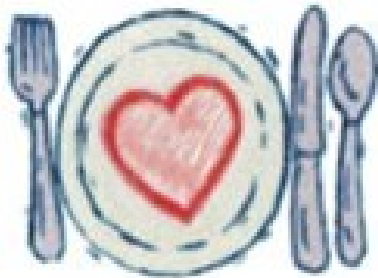
Pastor Bills Vacation: Pastor Bill will be out of town this week Monday—Thursday. If you have any emergency pastoral needs this week. Please call the church office, messages will be checked daily and other area clergy are on call for your needs 440-275-5125.

Bible Study: There will be no Bible Study Tuesday May 5th.

***Office Hours:** Due to Kent State Ashtabula Commencement being on Thursday May 7th. Cameron will be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday this week The time will still be between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm

Upcoming Events

Free Community Outreach Meal



**4:30-6 PM
April 16th &
May 21st**

**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

Pentecost Sunday

**Sunday, May 24th
Worship @ 11 AM**

*Join us on the day when we celebrate the Holy
Spirit coming to the Disciples in Jerusalem.
Please wear something RED*

Strengthen The Church Offering will be held