

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Austinburg, Ohio
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day**

May 10, 2026

11 am.

"It takes more brains, more personality, more character, more physical vitality, more worthwhile human nature to be a mother than anything else which is offered to the human race." Unknown

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

CANDLELIGHTING/ BELL/ PRELUDE

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Come back to God!

P: Like wayward children, we stray, and lose interest in our devotion.

L: God rejoices when we return !

P: We come back reluctantly, yet hopefully, trusting in the love of God.

L: Be not afraid!

P: Forgiveness is ours, by the mercy of Jesus Christ.

P: Let us rejoice!

ALL: We trust in Jesus. Christ has shown us to live by faith.

***HYMN : "God Made From One Blood" (NCH/Black) #427**

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

Holy God, you watch over us like a loving mother. You have given birth to our souls, and you comfort our fears. You have sent your son, that we may know that love endures forever.

We thank you that you are with us always. Whenever we wander; Whenever we lose heart; Whenever we doubt; You are there. Whenever we are hurt: Whenever we have been abused; Whenever we have regrets; You are with us. Teach us today, to love with your love, and trust with your Holy trust. Lead us, till we return home to you at last. Through the grace of Jesus Christ we pray. 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..

HOLY BAPTISM

*Today we celebrate the Baptism of 3 members of the Meaney Family: Brad Allan Meaney age 48 and 2 grandchildren...
Charlotte Rose Rosario age 5 and*

Noah Bradley Meaney age 9 weeks

OPENING STATEMENT:

BAPTISM HYMN

*(To the tune of "Morning Has Broken" ---- Remain Seated)
Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the love of Jesus our King. Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.*

BAPTISMAL VOWS: Brad Meaney and Alexis Meaney (mother of Charlotte and Noah) with god-parents

COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION: *Unison
(Led by the Deacon)*

We as a community of faith, promise to care for Brad, Charlotte, and Noah. Here we unite together as a family of faith, dedicated to serving with love. By our actions and our lifestyles, we will celebrate the joys of God's world. We will love, and accept you all, as we journey together as children of God; Members of the wider body of Christ.

DEACON: Brad, Charlotte and Alexis: On behalf of the congregation, I want you to know that you always has a home here at First UCC- Austinburg Here, you have another family, which is filled with love. Our homes, are your homes. Our resources, are your resources. We will shall always share our faith with you. From now on, we are brothers, and sisters in God's journey together

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER:

Gracious God, giver of life; You have called each of us by name and have promised each of us your steadfast and enduring love. Always be with Brad, Charlotte and Noah. Watch over them all on their journeys of life. Help each of them to love with your divine love, and perceive your Holy truth. Help each of them to live in a Christ-like manner which knows you, and loves you every day, as your spirit filled disciple. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

HAND OF FELLOWSHIP and PRESENTATIONS

RESPONSE OF BAPTISM: *(to be sung)*

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King. Born of creation, we are God's children, joyfully now God's praises we sing

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURES: John 21: 18-19

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

MESSAGE: " Our Mother..... " Rev. Bill Terry

*HYMN:"I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry"(NCH) # 351

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

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:

For the hospitality of your good earth, for the people you have given us to love, for the tasks you have called us to do, we give thanks, gracious God. Our offerings are a measure of our faith and evidence of our gratitude. We dedicate ourselves with our gifts, that your reign of light may be realized in the places where we live and work and far beyond our personal reach. Amen.

A Doxology (remain seated) (NCH/ Black) #780

PASSING THE PEACE

L: Rejoice! For Christ has risen!

P: Christ has risen indeed!

*HYMN:“ Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (NCH) # 43

*BENEDICTION:

*POSTLUDE



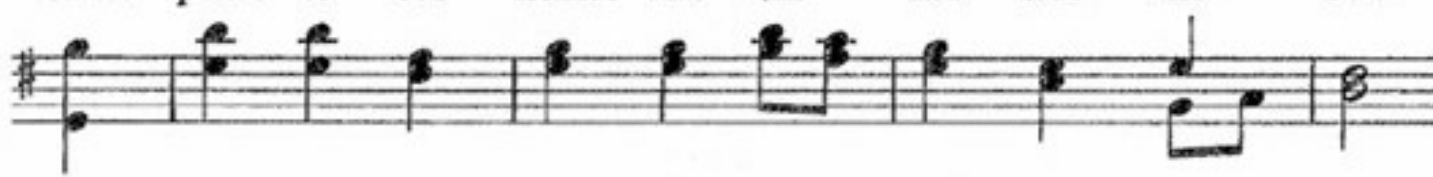
1 God made from one blood all the fam - ilies of earth,
 2 We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears
 3 Through fam - ilies we've tast - ed the val - ue of trust
 4 Help fam - ilies in all of their var - i - ous forms



the cir - cles of nur - ture that raise us from birth,
 for all of the fam - ilies we've known through the years,
 and felt what it means to be lov - ing and just,
 to face with in - teg - ri - ty strug - gles and storms;



Com - pan - ions who join us to work through each stage
 The in - ti - mate net - works on whom we de - pend
 Yet fam - ilies have al - so be - trayed their best goals,
 Grant peace to our homes that will nur - ture the bud



of child - hood and youth and a - dult - hood and age.
 of par - ents and part - ners and chil - dren and friends.
 mis - treat - ing their mem - bers and bruising their souls.
 of peace for the fam - ilies you made from one blood.

Unison

D7 G D G D G D

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
 3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
 4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

G D G D7 G D

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

G D G C D7 G

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*

G/B C G

I was there when you were but a child, with a
 Should you find some-one to share your time and you
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

Am D G G/B C

faith to suit you well;
 join your hearts as one,
 shut your wea - ry eyes,

I'll be there in case you
 I'll be there to make your
 I'll be there as I have

G A7 D *to beginning*

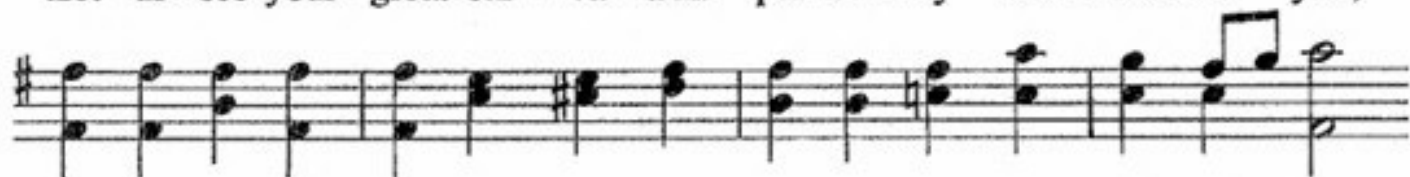
wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
 2 Breathe, O breathe your lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
 3 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all your life re - ceive;
 4 Fin - ish, then, your new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less may we prove;



Fix in us a hum - ble dwell - ing, all your faith - ful mer - cies crown;
 Let us all in you in - her - it, let us find your prom - ised rest;
 Sud - den - ly re - turn, and ne - ver, ne - ver - more your tem - ples leave.
 Let us see your great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in you;



Je - sus, you are all com - pas - sion; pure, un - bound - ed love im - part.
 Take a - way our love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 You we would be al - ways bless - ing, love you as your an - gels love,
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,



Vis - it us with your sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 Pray and praise for your un - fail - ing, wound - ed arms out - stretched a - bove.
 Crowned as saints, we ev - er shall be lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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: First Congregational UCC Andover

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 10th: 11 am Worship Service

**Tues. May 12th: 4 pm Yoga
8 pm AA**

Wend May 13th: 7pm Game Night

Thurs May 14th: 7pm Admin Board Meeting

Fri. May 15th: 8 pm GRMC

Sat. May 16th: 9:30 am Yoga

Sun. May 17th: 11 am Worship Service

**First United Church of Christ
Austinburg, Ohio
May 10th 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.easytith.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: 35

Total Online Attendance for the April 19th service is 37

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

Mon, 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

Bible Study: Resumes Tuesday May 12th at 12 pm

Office Hours: Starting this Monday, Cameron will be in the office on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 5 pm to 8 pm.

Kids Sunday School: Will end Sunday may 17th for the season and will resume in the fall.

Kids Sunday School Graduation: Will be on Sunday May 17th during Worship service.

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 Sus at (440) 478-7814

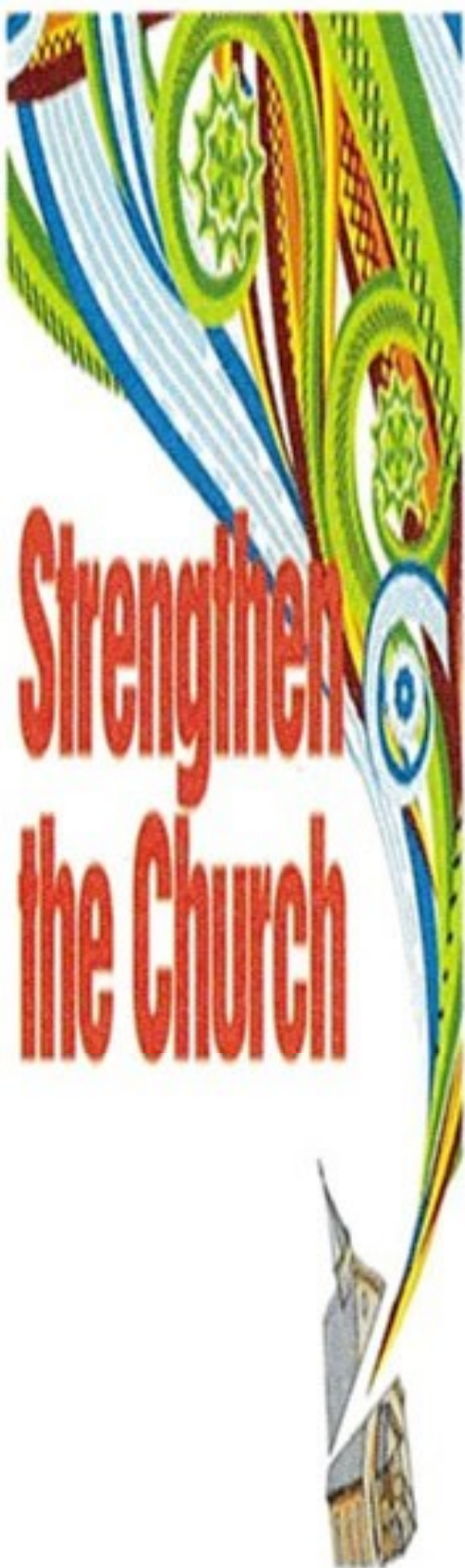


Pentecost Sunday

**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



Strengthen the Church

Strengthen The Church 5 for 5 Offering *Is May 24th Pentecost Sunday*

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to build up the UCC cooperatively. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. You build up the Body of Christ with your generosity to this offering. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.