

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Austinburg, Ohio

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

11 am.

"Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters..." Amos 5:4

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

CANDLELIGHTING/ BELL *PRELUDE*

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Glory to God, the source of life.

P: Glory be to Jesus, who is the Risen Christ.

L: Sing unto God a new song.

P: We lift up our hearts in praise.

L: Sing unto God who transforms lives.

P: It is God who makes all things new.

**ALL: Glory to God now and forever. Glory to God. Alleluia!
Amen!**

***HYMN: " O For A World " (NCH/Blac) # 575**

***UNISON PRAYER:**

O God, you have created a world which is beyond the beauty of singing, but is in need of your Holy touch. We come before you to thank you for giving us grace upon grace from your Holy Spirit. But, we need you today. Fall upon us, and clothe us, with an eagerness to pursue your truth, beyond the limits of our thoughts. Strengthen our resolve to seek justice, and to keep hope alive. Fill our hearts with courage, that we may continue to work for peace. Help us to run, and not grow weary in our faith; So that grace may win out over resentment; Love may outdistance fear; And, joy may triumph over all. 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: Isaiah 1: 15-20

Psalm 66: 16-20

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNITIONS:

HYMN: "This Little Light Of Mine" (NCH) #524 vs. 1-3

MESSAGE: " Justice " Rev. Bill Terry

*HYMN: "*We Shall Overcome* " (NCH/ Black) # 570

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:

1st UCC Church, P.O. Box 253, Austinburg, OH. 44010

Unison Prayer of Dedication:

Holy One of all things; Receive our offering, that this church may be alive in the joy of Christ. May these gifts, and the way we live our lives, proclaim the good news of Jesus. Strengthen us through our giving. Help us to be generous enough to experience the kind of joy you find, as you shower us with more than we can ever give away. It is all because you gave us the blessing of redemption, in our Lord, Jesus. Amen.

A Doxology (NCH) # 780

PASSING THE PEACE

L: May the Love of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

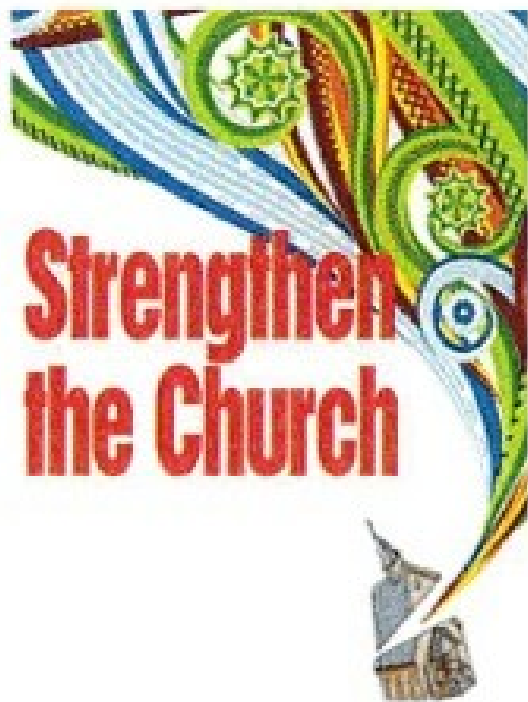
*HYMN: “ *God Of Grace, and God Of Glory*” (*NCH*) # 436

*BENEDICTION:

*POSTLUDE

* = Those who are able are invited to stand.

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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.

O for a World NCH 575 large print



1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.





1 This lit-tle light of mine,
1 This . . . joy I have,

I'm gon-na let it shine.
the world did-n't give to me.



I am gon - na let it, let it shine,
oh, the world did not give to me,



This lit - tle light of mine,
This joy . . . I have,

I'm gon-na let it shine.
the world did-n't give to me.



This lit - tle light of mine,
This . . . joy I have,

I'm gon-na let it shine,
the world did - n't give to me.



Hal - le - lu - jah,
Hal - le - lu, the



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, (oh let it shine.)
No, the world did-n't give it, the world can't take it a - way.

1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -
 2 We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in
 3 We are not a - fraid, we are not a -
 4 Our God will see us through, our God will see us

come, we shall o - ver - come some day;
 hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;
 fraid, we are not a - fraid to - day;
 through, our God will see us through some day;

(1-6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,

we shall o - ver - come some day.
 we'll go hand in hand some day.
 we are not a - fraid to - day.
 our God will see us through some day.

5 The truth shall make us free . . . some day.

6 We shall live in peace . . . some day.



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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: Pastor Tina Green and Fairport Harbor UCC

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 17th: 11 am Worship Service

Tues. May 19th: 12 pm Bible Study

4 pm Yoga

8 pm AA

**Thurs May 21st: 4:30pm Free Community
Dinner**

Fri. May 22nd: 8 pm GRMC

Sat. May 23rd: 9:30 am Yoga

Sun. May 24th: 11 am Worship Service

PENTECOST SUNDAY!

**First United Church of Christ
Austinburg, Ohio
May 17th 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: 49

Total Online Attendance for the April 26th service is 123

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: 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.

Vacation Bible School: Mark your calendars

Vacation Bible School is going to be June 30th July 1-2nd from 6 pm to 8 pm in the park and here at the church. This years theme is Reigning with Purpose!

This Week

Free Community Outreach Meal



4:30-6 PM

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) 470-7044

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