

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**First Sunday After Pentecost**

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

**May 31, 2026**

**11 am.**

*"We have three principle objects in the study of truth. One, to discover it. Two, to demonstrate it. Three, to distinguish it from error when we examine it." – Blaise Pascal -*

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

LIGHTING CANDLES/ RINGING BELL / PRELUDE

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

\* CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Come, celebrate the wisdom of God.

**P: The name of the Lord is majestic in all the earth.**

L: Rejoice, for God has created all the planets and the stars.

**P: The glory of the Lord, is all around us.**

L: Give thanks to God, for the insight we have received through human intelligence.

**P: Yet, we tremble at the thought of responsibility that God has put in our hands to care for this planet.**

L: Therefore, let us seek the wisdom and guidance of God.

**ALL: Let us worship the Lord, our God.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: *" Holy, Holy, Holy "* # 277

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God of justice and love, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. We call you the God of creation; Yet, we devastate the planet, and each other, while serving idols of our own making. We proclaim Jesus as our Savior; Yet, we rely on elaborate security systems for our protection. We claim an indwelling of the Holy Spirit; Yet we abide by our own counsel, decisions, and rationalities, as absolute authority. Holy Master, forgive us of our double minded existence. Unite our minds with the actions of our bodies. Make us whole within your divine love. May our desires be in accord with your gracious Spirit, through the**

**\*GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS:**

Friends, we have been justified by Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, and we are guided everyday to discover one small truth after another. So, marvel this day, how God works to redeem us in the fabric of creation. Amen

**\*RESPONSE ( to be sung ) - 2X -**

*Holy Spir-it, Holy Spir-it , come and fill our hearts a-new, Holy Spir-it; and we lift our hearts be-fore you, as a to-ken of our love. Holy Spir-it, Holy Spir-it.*

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

SCRIPTURE: Malachi 4:1-6  
John 8:37-41

**A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN**

**\*HYMN:** " Come Now, Almighty God " (NCH/Black) # 275

MESSASGE: " Descendants Of Spirit: " Rev. Bill Terry

**\* HYMN:** " *Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling*" (NCH/ Black) # 59

**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

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

First UCC Church, P.O. Box 253, Austinburg, OH. 4401

Unison Prayer of Dedication:

**Mighty Lord; May these gifts carry forward the ministry which you intend here in our church, our community, and wherever people are scattered on the face of the earth. May our open hands share your gifts, and open hearts, to reach out in love and peace. Send the mighty rush of your Spirit, to show us this day, how to use this offering, to accomplish your Holy purposes. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

A Doxology # 780

PASSING THE PEACE:

L: May the knowledge of God be a blessing with you.

**P: and also with you.**

\*HYMN: "*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*" (NCH/ Black) # 286

\*BENEDICTION:

CHORAL RESPONSE:

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

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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!

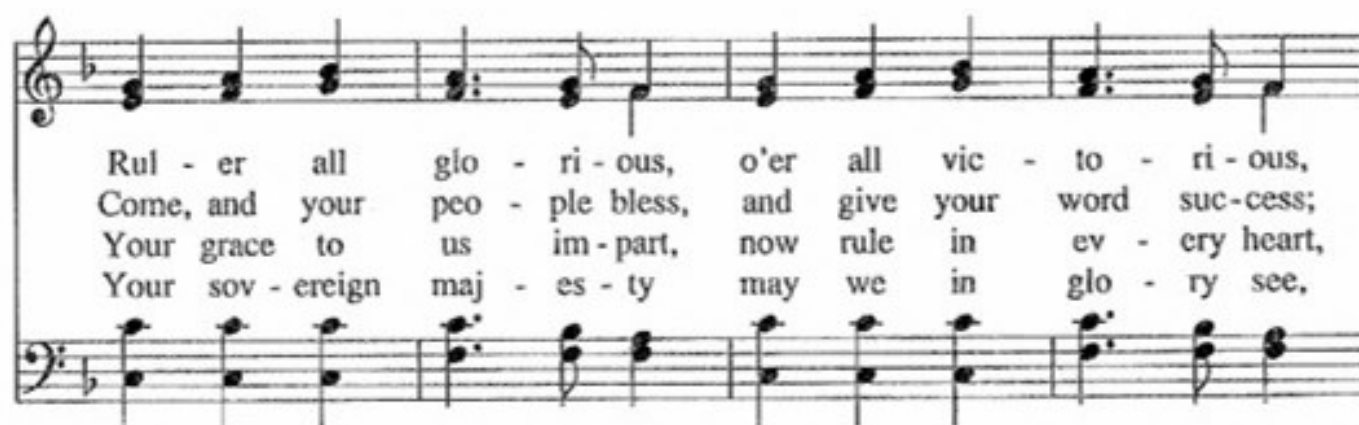
The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in the key of D major (two sharps). The lyrics are printed between the two staves. The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for large print.



1 Come now, Al - might - y God, help us your  
 2 Come now, In - car - nate Word, by heaven and  
 3 Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, your sa - cred  
 4 To you, great One in Three, e - ter - nal



name to laud; our songs we raise:  
 earth a - dored; our prayer at - tend:  
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.  
 prais - es be for ev - er - more.



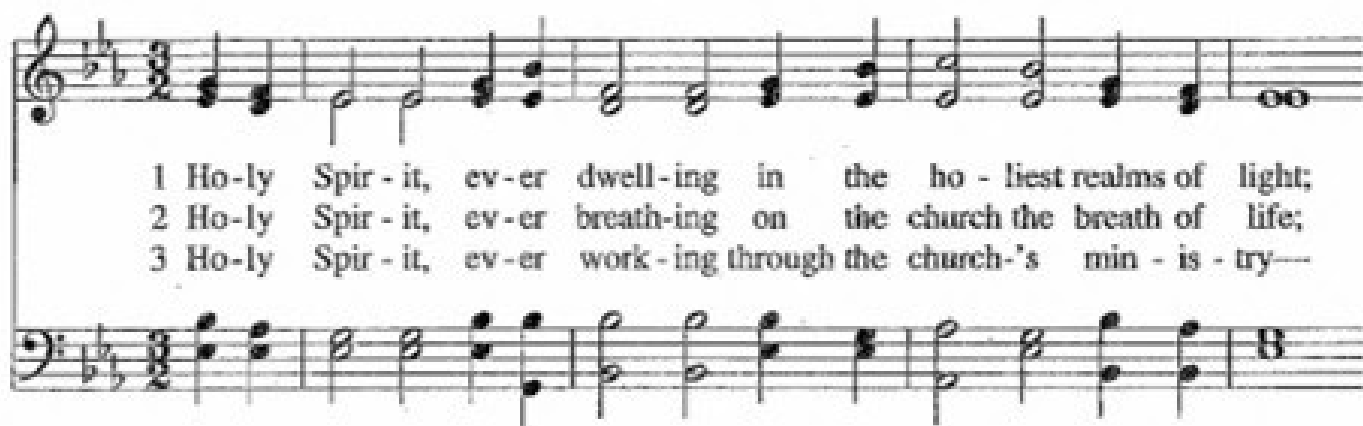
Rul - er all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 Come, and your peo - ple bless, and give your word suc - cess;  
 Your grace to us im - part, now rule in ev - ery heart,  
 Your sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,



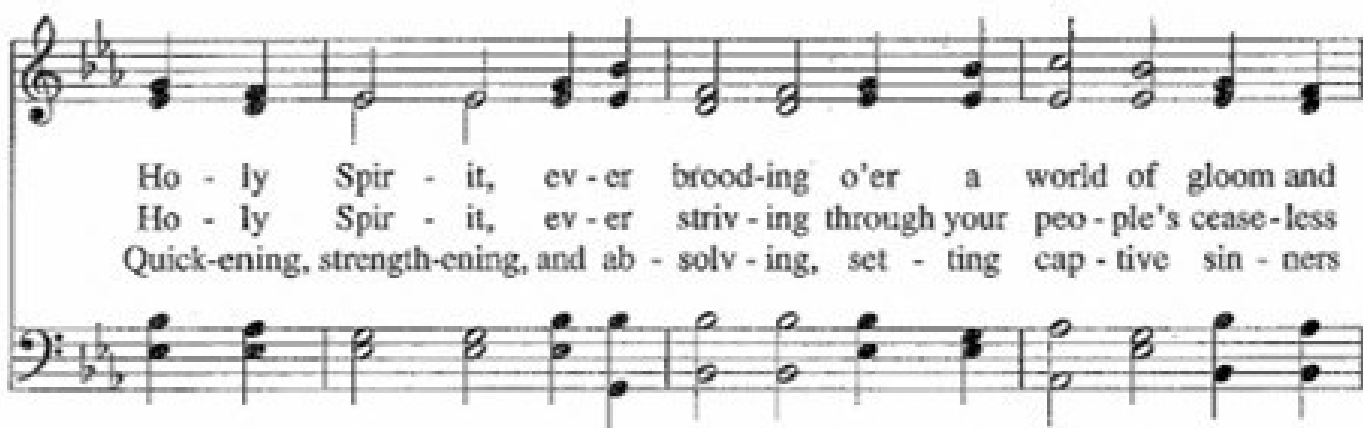
come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!  
 grant us your ho - li - ness, Sav - ior and Friend!  
 nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of power!  
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

# Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Timothy Rees, 1922; alt



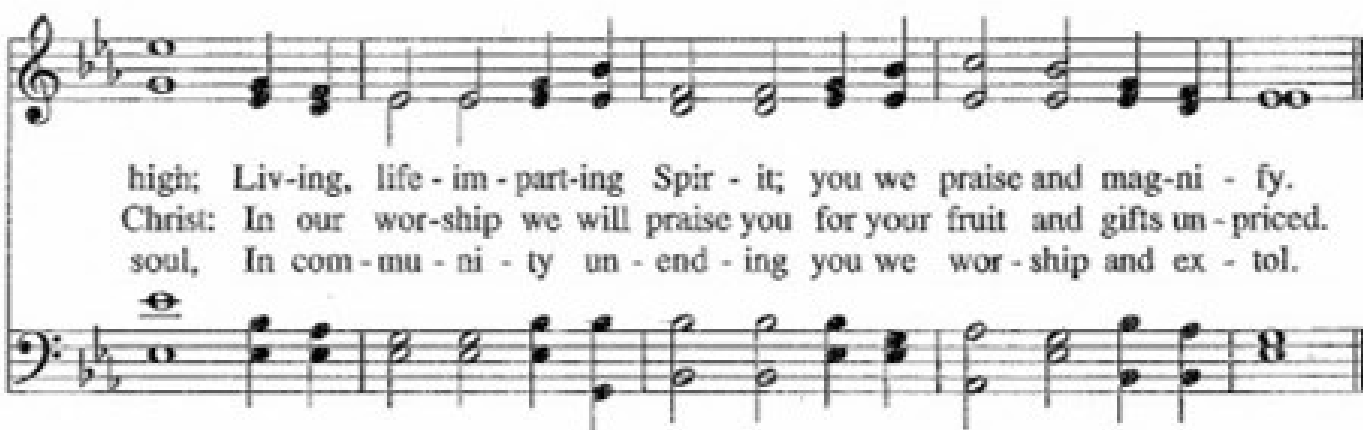
1 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest realms of light;  
2 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er breath - ing on the church the breath of life;  
3 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the church - 's min - is - try—



Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing o'er a world of gloom and  
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through your peo - ple's cease - less  
Quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners



blight; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er rais - ing earth - bound souls to glo - ry  
strife; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er form - ing in the church the mind of  
free; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to



high; Liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it; you we praise and mag - ni - fy.  
Christ: In our wor - ship we will praise you for your fruit and gifts un - priced.  
soul, In com - mu - ni - ty un - end - ing you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G D *Last time, end*

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the  
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the  
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a  
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7

Asus7

A7

D

G

A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you  
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their  
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you  
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G

D

A7

D

Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -  
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -  
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -  
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G

A7

D

G

D

*to Refrain*

A7

bers and rise on your wings."  
 ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 ple on the rush of the wind.  
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

# 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: Rev Dick and Fran Jones—  
Retired

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 31st: 11 am Worship Service**

**Tues. June 2nd: 12 pm Bible Study**

**4:30 pm Yoga**

**8 pm AA**

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

**Sat. June 6th: 9:30 am Yoga**

**Sun. June 7th: 11 am Worship Service**

**First United Church of Christ  
Austinburg, Ohio  
May 31st 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](http://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: 29**

**Total Online Attendance for the May 10th service is 42**

**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**

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

**Bible Study:** Tuesdays 12 pm in the Conference Room

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

**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!

**REIGNING**  
WITH  
**PURPOSE**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

First United Church of Christ, Austinburg

Austinburg Township Park

**JUNE 30, JULY 1 & 2**

**6-8 PM**

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 5:30

FORMS AVAILABLE @  
**[austinburgucc.org](http://austinburgucc.org)**

FOR MORE INFO CALL  
★ (440) 275-5125 ★