

Postlude—*Fantasia in g minor*—J.S. Bach

The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given
in memory of our parents, Clarence and Lillian Boltz, and Glenn and Betty Mutchler,
by Bob and Sue Boltz.

Music—One License A-731491

**Please stand as you are able.

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STEADFAST LOVE

March 16, 2025



“Conceal Me, O Lord”

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, CUYAHOGA FALLS
10:45AM WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Lent

10:45 am

March 16, 2025

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord's name.

Welcome & Announcements—

Prelude—*Fantasia in f-minor*—Johann Ludwig Krebs

Josiah van Dyck, oboe

Call to Worship—

Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

The Lord is my light and my salvation,

Whom shall I fear?

Introit—*Lead Me Lord*

Opening Hymn TFWS 2009—***O God Beyond All Praising*

Invocation (please be seated)—

With all our heart, we take refuge in God most high, who created all things, the merciful Parent, Source of all goodness. With all our heart, we take refuge in Christ, the Redeemer from sin, who restores our true nature, the perfect and mysterious Word. With all our heart, we take refuge in the One who embraces the universe, who at all times and in all places responds to our needs, the pure and tranquil Holy Spirit.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.

Scripture Reading— Psalm 27:1-7

Gloria Patri—*Glory Be to the Father* (Hymnal p. 70)

Anthem—*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*—Joel Raney

Epworth Choir
Greg Fiocca, cello; Phil Lantry, piano

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem—*Behold the Lamb of God (Messiah)*—G. F. Handel

Chancel Choir

Josiah van Dyck, oboe; Kristen van Dyck, violin; Lara Dudak, viola; Greg Fiocca, cello, Phil Lantry, organ

Scripture Readings—*Luke 13:31-35*

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon—"Conceal Me, O Lord"

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Musical Response—*He Hideth My Soul*—Fanny Crosby

Tim Zuschin, solo

Discipleship Moment

Offertory—*Rock of Ages*—Diane Bish

Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn 361—***Rock of Ages*

Benediction—*Irish Blessing*

Nancy Gray, Laura Perry, Jack Perry, Chad Wagner

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OPENING HYMN

Hymn #TFWS 2009, O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn #361, Rock of Ages

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
save from wrath and make me pure.
2. Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's commands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.
4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

CHURCH NOTES 3-16-25

Annual Egg Hunt: We are starting to collect individually wrapped candy (nut-free, please) and small toys for our annual Egg Hunt on April 12. You can drop donations off in the office or the Welcome Center.

Good Neighbors March Wish List: Good Neighbors has released their wish list for donated items. Items: deodorant, shampoo, bar soap & body wash, dish soap & laundry detergent, Easter candy & basket fillers/toys, canned meats & fruits, dog & cat food, tomato sauce, tea bags, salad dressing, sugar packets, jelly.

Montgomery Scholarship Applicants: Applications for the Reid and Roberta Montgomery Scholarship may be picked up at the main office any Monday -Friday from 9am-3pm. **The deadline for returning the application is Friday, April 20.** An applicant must be a member of First Church and a high school graduate planning to be enrolled in college or technical school this coming fall for the 2025-26 school year.

Spring Tour & Home Concert: Epworth choir will be on *Spring Tour* Sunday, March 23-Saturday, March 29. Their annual “Home Concert” will be Sunday, April 6 @7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Save the dates: It’s time to start planning for summer! Camp registration is happening now. See the brochures at the Welcome Center for more information. Chess Camp and VBS registration info will be released very soon. Save the dates—Chess Camp will be June 23-27, and VBS week is July 14-18.

Easter Flowers: It’s time to order Easter flowers. The list of donors, as well as those honored/ memorialized will be published in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Please make your check out to *First Church* and return it with the order form below by Monday, **March 24 @noon.** The cost is \$10 per plant. Be sure to indicate which type and the number of plants you would like. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Scott Adie	Lee Minier	Mike Yeager
Bob Ahonen	Becky & Jerry Pecko	Rose Ann Youngkin
Joanne Ames	Becky Petty	
Debbie Amundsen	Robbie Robinson	
Mary Ellen Atwood	Holly Ross	
Dorothy Bates	Kathi Sawyer	
Mark & Cindy Blaser	Leslie Sawyer	
Suzanne Callahan	Todd Schneider	
Mary Griest	John Wade	
Dwight Konic	Kathy Walker	
Judy Lewis	Bette Wenk	
Marge Magee	Marcus Wilson	

In our greater world: We pray for our teachers.

Easter Worship Services: Mark your calendars for our Easter services. There will be an Ecumenical Sunrise Worship at Pilgrim UCC, 130 Broad Blvd, beginning at 6:30am. We will have two worship services here at First Church at 9:00am and 11:00am. There will not be Sunday School that day.

ROCK Session Ends: The last session of ROCK will be Wednesday, March 19. The bells and choirs will continue to rehearse through the month of April.

FCN Deadline: The deadline for the April issue of First Church News will be Thursday, March 20. Please have any articles or information to Sarah Neri by then. sarahnerifallsumc@gmail.com or x212. Thank you!

<input type="checkbox"/> Tulips	Name: _____	Phone: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Hyacinths	In <i>memory</i> or <i>honor</i> of: (please circle one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lilies	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Daffodils	_____	

Though an Army Encamp Against Me

What situations make you feel vulnerable and exposed?

When we are ashamed or afraid, we can be tempted to hide

You Are My Hiding Place

vs. 5 – *seter* – hiding place or secret place

Luke 13:34 – God’s desire is to shelter and protect us like a mother hen!

Questions for Reflection:

What situations make you feel vulnerable and exposed?

How do you usually respond to those feelings?

How could you remind yourself of God’s safe refuge when you feel vulnerable or insecure?

Questions for Discussion:

When have you felt protected or shielded by God?

Memory Verse:

Psalm 27:4 – “One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.”

Readings for this Week:

Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, Isaiah 40