

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, April 13, 2025
Sunday School 10:00 a.m./Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon (234) 424-3444
Director of Music: Karen Fumerola
Organist: Barbara Edwards

(*Please stand, if you are able, at each asterisk.)

Welcome to our Sunday service. Please use the time during the Prelude to prepare yourself for worship in quiet reflection and prayer and allow others to do the same. We also ask that you refrain from conversation during our service. Please silence cell phones during the service.

Prelude "The Palms" *J. Faure*
(Lighting of the Candles)

Greeting
Pastor: "The peace of Christ be with you." Rev. Gerald Gammon
People: "And also with you."

Welcome and Announcements

Let us begin our worship today:

Choral Introit "Antiphonal Hosanna" Alan Smith

*Call to Worship: Judy Fabian

Leader: O God in Heaven, how happy we are to receive Your Son!

People: Join our hearts to His, as we live in Him!

Leader: Father, help us to confess that Jesus is our Lord and Savior.

People: May we do so with our hearts, our lips, and our actions!

Leader: Lord Creator, may we forever follow Jesus so that we too will arrive in Heaven someday.

People: Help us to be worthy of the Lamb. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Hymn #297 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*Unison Invocation:

Lord Jesus, You came to atone for the sins of the world. We worship You and praise You with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God in three

persons. As we were baptized in You, we were crucified with You. Let us also be resurrected with You, O Lord, and share in the bounty of Heaven. We pray in Your most holy name. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #813 "Glory Be to the Father"

Blessing of the Palms

Anthem "Hosanna to the Son of David" *Michael Barrett*

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)
Prayer Response "o come to my heart" *Timothy Matthews*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Sing, Jerusalem Sing" *Charles Yannerella*

*Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Apostles Creed

Hymn #301 "We Will Glorify" (repeat last two lines)

Scripture **Isaiah 50: 4-9a** (pg. 681 O.T.) Judy Fabian

Scripture **Philippians 2:5-11** (pg. 197 N.T.)

Gospel **Luke 19:28-40** (pg. 83 N.T.)

All Sing (After Gospel is announced) "Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Follow Jesus, Not the Crowd" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn #169 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

*Benediction/Final Blessing

Benediction Response "Three-fold Amen"

Postlude "The Holy City" *Stephen Adams*
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4/13/2025

Please call the church office or fill out a prayer card if you would like to put someone on the prayer chain or prayer list.

Thought for the week: “Do I let others keep me from my faith?”

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sheryl Cozad

Maundy Thursday: Worship will be held at 6:30 p.m. We are looking for readers. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby.

Thank You: I want to thank my church family for the beautiful cards, prayers, and phone calls during my recuperation. *Joanne Bode*

Easter Sunday: There will be a continental breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 20th, at 10:00 a.m. in the lounge. No Sunday School. All are invited to join us.

Floating Five Balance: \$2,698.55

	4/6/25	4/13/25	4/20/25	4/27/25
Attendance	20			
Benevolence				
Building Fund	\$ 50.00			
Current Expenses	\$ 930.00			
Floating Five	\$ 75.00			
Lilies	\$ 10.00			
TOTAL	\$1,065.00			

March Income	March Expenditures	March Net
\$1,854.00	\$7,331.56	-\$5,447.56

Prayer List

Shut-in

Ken Armstrong	Phil Graham	Donna Beavers
Terry Caddell	Marilyn Kolar	Ruth Gilbert
Becky Callahan	Denise Long	Dick Leiby
Jerry Currie	Peggy Marshall	Marilyn Leiby
Rodger Davis	Larry Mattison	Glenn Mark
Steve Doracin	Ted Paxson	Norma Patchin
Arlene Duda	Dave Savage	
Phil Fletcher	Joe Vugrincic	
Erika Gammon	Layes Wood	
	Hailee	

Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world

IMPORTANT DATES:

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| Sunday, 4/13/25 | Palm/Passion Sunday |
| Wednesday, 4/16/25 | Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, 4/17/25 | Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m./Parish News deadline |
| Sunday, 4/20/25 | Easter Sunday! Continental Breakfast at 10:00 (No Sunday School) |
| Wednesday, 4/22/25 | Ladies Luncheon 12:30 (Eat-N-Park) |