## FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday, April 14, 2024

Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon (330) 306-8965 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.

Prelude "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" arr. Ethel Smith (Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano)
Greeting

Pastor: "The peace of Christ be with you."

People: "And also with you."

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Gerald Gammon

Let us begin our worship today:

Choral Introit "He Lives"

Alfred Ackley

Judy Fabian

\*Call to Worship:

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ is free of the tomb!

Leader. Our Lord Jesus Christ is free or the

All: He is risen! He is risen!

Leader: Jesus has overcome the power of eternal death!

All: He is risen! He is risen!

Leader: Blessed are we to receive the King of all!

All: He is risen! He is risen!

Leader: May we someday follow Him to Heaven's gate.

All: We pray in His most holy name. Amen.

\*<u>Hymn</u> (insert) "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

tune: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

\*Unison Invocation:

All: Jesus, Lord of light, love, and life, we seek You throughout creation. Allow us, though we are unworthy, to find You in every place we go and in everyone we meet. Help us, O Lord, to be holy like You, and to love as we should. We pray in Your blessed name. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri #812 "Glory Be to the Father"

Anthem "He Is King of Kings" arr. Olive Williams

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

Prayer Response "Only Believe" Paul Rader

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary" William Gaither
\*Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*Apostles Creed (May be found in the back cover of the hymnal)

Hymn #370 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

All Sing "Celtic Alleluia" Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker

Scripture Psalm 133 (pg. 575 O.T.) Judy Fabian

Acts 4: 32-35 (pg. 122 N.T.)

Gospel John 20: 19-31 (pg. 115 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Believe" Rev. Gerald Gammon

\*Hymn #358 "Because He Lives"

\*Benediction

<u>Choral Response</u> "Every Morning Is Easter Morning" arr. Richard Avery & Donald Marsh

<u>Postlude</u> "Walking Up the King's Highway Mary Gardner & Thomas Dorsey

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

04/14/2024

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.

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**Thought for the Week**: Where do my beliefs take me?

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Barbara Edwards

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Junior & Karen Fumerola

	4/7/24	4/14/24	4/21/24	4/28/24
Attendance	20			
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Building Fund	\$ 5.00			
Current Expenses	\$800.00			
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Easter	\$ 10.00			
TOTAL	\$941.00			

March Income	<b>March Expenditures</b>	March Net
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