

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, April 21, 2019

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

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

Prelude

(Lighting of the Candles)

Greeting

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Beverly DeSavigny

Choral Introit #357 "Christ Arose"

Robert Lowry

*Call to Worship

Leader: Almighty and Merciful God, we thank You for the gift of Your son.

All: May we forever live in the light of His loving sacrifice.

Leader: O God, as we celebrate His resurrection, let us be mindful of the promise it makes for us.

All: Through Him we inherit life in Your kingdom, for which we are grateful.

Leader: Through His love for us and obedience to You He suffered and died, yet He was restored.

All: May we too be restored through Him and His love.

Leader: Jesus taught us the way to You, O God, and we shall follow.

All: Send Your Spirit upon us to keep us strong so that we may someday join You in Your kingdom. We pray in His name. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise #367 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*Unison Invocation

All: Lord God, You have given us Your dearest in Christ Jesus. Your love is beyond measure and our comprehension. Let us forever abide in the light of Christ so that we may see and follow Him to You. Help us to help others find You through Jesus and His love. We ask in His name. Amen.

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

Joys and Concerns

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

Prayer Response #189 "Alleluia"

Jerry Sinclair

Anthem

"This Day Above All Days"

Douglas Wagner

Children's Message

Joanne Bode

Hymn

#360 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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

*Offering Prayer

Scripture

Isaiah 65:17-25 (pg. 696 O.T.)

Donny Longworth

Scripture

Luke 24:1-12 (pg. 90 N.T.)

Sermon

"Was It Really Empty?"

Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn of Commitment

#368 "He Lives"

*Benediction

*Parting Blessing "Ev'rg Morning Is Easter Morning"

Richard Avery &
Donald Marsh

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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If you want to put someone on the prayer chain or prayer list, you must call the church office or fill out a prayer card in church.

The flowers have been placed on the altar to the honor and glory of God by the Lemasters and the Boyles, and in memory of Nicole Boyle, Tammy's daughter.

Next Week - Liturgist: Judy Fabian Lay Reader: Marilyn Leiby

Friendly Reminder: Please turn off, or set your cell phone to silent.

First Ladies: The next meeting is on Wednesday, April 24th, at 12:00 p.m. at the church. All ladies are welcome! Donna Beavers, hostess

Worship Change Reminder: Next week we will be taking a poll to see if the majority of the congregation prefers to keep the service time at 10:45 a.m. or change it to 10:00 a.m. as is historically done at the end of May.

Thank You: I just want to say how blessed I am to be part of this caring church family. The many beautiful cards, prayers, flowers, and warm conversations have certainly made my recovery go smoother. Thank you all, sincerely, for everything, and I hope to see you soon. *Melanie Burger*

Open House: We are celebrating the 80th birthday of Barbara Longworth Lewis on Saturday May 4, 2019 from 2-4 p.m. at the Fowler United Methodist Church, 3426 Youngstown Kingsville Road, Cortland, Ohio. Please no gifts.

PRAYER LIST

Melanie Burger
Diane Graham
Don Howren
Becky Kunkel

Cheryl Prem
Florence Simons
Sue Torno
Mary Kate Zweidinger

Allen family

Thanks to all of those who purchased lilies.. Please remember to take your lily (s) home after the service today.

- ◆ Joanne Bode in memory of Herman & Pauline Bode, Alfred & Jeannette Conklin, Dorothy Bode and Edna Cooper.
- ◆ Jim & Bev Desavigny in memory of our parents.
- ◆ Junior & Karen Fumerola in memory of our parents and also in honor of our children and grandchildren.
- ◆ Judy Fabian in memory of Nick Fabian and Debbie Fabian.
- ◆ Gerry & Marian Gammon in memory of family.
- ◆ Ruth Gilbert in memory of husband, Ed Gilbert and in honor of family.
- ◆ Dick & Marilyn Leiby in memory of our parents.
- ◆ Virginia Neff in loving memory of husband, Gary Neff, and son, Christian Neff and parents, Carl & Mary Ellen Ward.
- ◆ Joe Rein in honor of his wife, Melissa.
- ◆ Sue Schoch in memory of her husband, Bill Schoch
- ◆ John & Debbie Wimer

