FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday, April 21, 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.

<u>Prelude</u> "Here I Am, Lord" *Daniel Schutte/arr. John Carter* (Lighting of the Candles)

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 Is Lord" arr. Tom Fettke

*Call to Worship: Sharon Longworth

Leader: Lord Jesus, lead us to the Promised Land!

All: We are Your people! We are Your flock!

Leader: Christ Jesus, wash away our sins and help us to be righteous!

All: We are Your people! We are Your flock!

Leader: Son of God, we seek You in all aspects of our lives!

All: We are Your people! We are Your flock!
Leader: Come dear Lord, and gather Your people!
All: We pray in Your most holy name. Amen.

*Hymn #87 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*Unison Invocation:

All: Lord, You are the font of all holiness. Bless us and strengthen us in our hour of need. Help us to find our way to the Father through You and lead us through Your eternal grace. We pray. Amen.

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

Anthem "God Is There" Jay Althouse

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)
Prayer Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" George Whelpton

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Nearer My God to Thee" Lowell Mason

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

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

<u>Hymn</u> #688 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Scripture Psalm 23 (pg. 501 O.T.) Sharon Longworth

Acts 4: 5-12 (pg. 121 N.T.)

Gospel John 10: 11-18 (pg. 103-104 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 "Jesus Is Watching" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn #667 "Lord, Speak to Me"

*Benediction

<u>Choral Response</u> "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Charles Gabriel

<u>Postlude</u> "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Charles Gabriel

(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

04/21/2024

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.

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

Thought for the Week: What does Jesus see when He looks at me?

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Judy Fabian

All UCC Women: We will be meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. at Eat'n Park, 2057 Walmart Drive. Hope to see everyone there!

<u>Church Lawn:</u> We are looking for people to mow the lawn once a month. Please use the sign-up sheet in the lobby. If you have questions, see Ron Schoch.

<u>Outside Flowers:</u> Again this year we are seeking donations to cover the cost of flowers to be planted outside our church. If you want to contribute to this effort, please place your donation in an envelope and mark it for "outside flowers". Thank you.

<u>Toy Drive</u>: We are once again holding our Toy Drive from now until the end of November for the Warren Family Mission.

Thank You! For supporting the activities of the church! We had a good turnout for the Hamilton Road concert and for the meeting held on last Monday evening to discuss the future of our church. Thank you again for your interest and support!

<u>Thank You</u>: Many thanks for the beautiful lilies that remind us of the Risen Christ.

Junior & Karen Fumerola

<u>Consistory Meeting:</u> There will be a brief Consistory meeting held after the service today.

Baby News: We have a new great-grandchild!! Edison Richard was born to Lee and Emily (Leiby) Hartman yesterday, April 17. His big brother and sister, Sully and Everly, are so happy to see him! Hope that continues! Lol!

Marilyn & Dick Leiby

	4/7/24	4/14/24	4/21/24	4/28/24
Attendance	20	29		
Benevolence	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00		
Building Fund	\$ 5.00			
Current Expenses	\$800.00	\$1,385.00		
Floating Five	\$ 76.00	\$ 120.00		
Easter	\$ 10.00			
Flowers		\$ 75.00		
TOTAL	\$941.00	\$1,585.00		

March Income	March Expenditures	March Net
\$6,447.26	\$6,326.32	\$120.94

Prayer List

Shut-in

Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, April 23	Women's Luncheon 12:30 at Eat'n Park
Wednesday, April 24	Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 1	Men's Fellowship breakfast 9:00 a.m.
	Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m.