

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, April 22, 2018**

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

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

Prelude "I Believe in A Hill Called Calvary" *William Gaither*  
(Lighting of the Candles)

Greeting  
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements *Judy Fabian*

Choral Introit #34 "He Is Lord" *arr. Tom Fettke*

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Most gracious God, you have given us your Son to lead us and watch over us.

**All: May the Good Shepard guide our every step.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, you who took away the sin of the world, forever lead us to your Father's kingdom.

**All: Jesus teach us to follow your example and your way.**

Leader: Holy Father and Son, may you show mercy on us and love us always.

**All: May the Holy Spirit fill our hearts with passion to follow your will. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise #8 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

**\*Unison Prayer**

**Heavenly Father, we are your children and disciples of your son. Grant us the wisdom to make good choices and the courage to follow Jesus in all we do and say. Let His example lead us to you and your kingdom, and may we find favor in your sight. We pray these things in His name. Amen.**

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

Joys, Concerns & Prayers

Hymn of Prayer #690 "He Leadeth Me"

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)  
Prayer Response #695 "Lead Me, Lord" *Samuel Wesley*

Anthem "My Shepherd"  
Flute: Shawn Marko *Ruth Artman*

Children's Message *Joanne Bode*

Offering Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Shepherd of Love" *John Peterson*

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

Scripture **Psalm 23:1-6**(pg. 501 O.T.) *Beverly DeSavigny*

Scripture **John 10:11-18** (pg. 103-104 N.T.)

Sermon "Follow the Shepard" *Rev. Gerald Gammon*

\*Hymn of Commitment #688 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

\*Benediction

\*Parting Blessing #690 "He Leadeth Me"

Postlude "His Name Is Wonderful" *Audrey Mieir*

We welcome Shawn Marko back to our worship service today. His beautiful flute & trumpet accompaniments make our worship special. Thanks again Shawn.

**PRAYER LIST**

Joanne Bode, Aiden Elder, Debbie Fabian, Don Howren, Carol Huntzinger, Diane Lemasters, Norma Patchin, Margaret Sheets, Jeff Sponaugle

*Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon*  
*Director of Music: Karen Fumerola*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

4/22/18

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 Junior & Karen Fumerola, and in memory of son, Kurt Wendell Fumerola.

Next Week - Liturgist: Donny Longworth Reader: Marilyn Leiby

Please pick up your Parish News in the lounge. There is a profile of Pastor Gammon and his family in it for you to read.

Preparing communion is an honor and a privilege that we should all participate in at one time or another. Please look over the Communion Schedule on the table in the lounge and choose a Sunday when you can take part. Thank you!

*The Elders*

There are many openings in the altar flower schedule if you would like to honor someone with flowers. Please see the sign up sheet on the office door or call the church office. The cost is \$15 per vase, \$30 for both.

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and flowers during my successful eye surgeries. Bless you all for your care and concern. *Irma Allen*

A congregational meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, April 29, 2018 to vote on a permanent pastor. You must be in attendance to vote.

Sylvia Moyes has been moved to her new apt. #210 @ Shepherd of the Valley, 4100 N River Rd. Warren, Ohio 44484. She loves cards!

	4/1/18	4/8/18	4/15/18	4/22/18	4/29/18
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>35</b>		
Benevolent	\$ 50				
Floating Five	\$ 290	\$ 130			
Flowers					
Easter Lily	\$ 60				
Building Imp					
Current Expense	\$1286	\$ 955			
Easter	\$ 180	\$ 60			
WFM	\$ 120				
Ray McLean MF	\$ 50				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2036</b>	<b>\$1145</b>			

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Thursday, April 26  
Sunday, April 29  
Wednesday, May 2  
Thursday, May 3  
Sunday, May 6  
Monday, May 7

Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.  
Congregation meeting and vote after worship  
Men's Fellowship breakfast @9:00 a.m.  
Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.  
Opening/Coffee Hour/Floating Five  
Elders/Deacons mtg. @6:00 p.m.  
Consistory @7:00 p.m.