

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, April 2, 2023

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

Prelude "The Palms" Jay Fauré
(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 #301 "We Will Glorify" Twila Paris

*Call to Worship: Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Lord Jesus, we celebrate Your love for us!

All: **Blessed be the path of the Lord!**

Leader: Son of God, we love You and worship You.

All: **Blessed be the path of the Lord!**

Leader: Hosanna in the highest! Mighty is the King!

All: **Blessed be the path of the Lord!**

Leader: Grateful are we to receive our Lord, and we seek His favor.

All: **Blessed be the path of the Lord! Amen.**

*Hymn #297 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*Unison Invocation:

All: Christ our Lord, we seek Your favor and to do Your bidding. Help us to be the followers You deserve. Grant us mercies from Your Father and keep us in Your prayers as we ask for Your blessings and love in Your name, amen.

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

Blessing of the Palms

Anthem "Hosanna! Blessed Is He" John Wilson

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

Prayer Response "Three Fold Amen"

Baptism of Tara Jean Fumerola (see insert)

Hymn #665 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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

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

*Solo "Why Should He Love Me So?" Robert Harkness
Soloist: Judy Fabian

Scripture **Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29** (pg. 565-566 O.T.) Sheryl Cozad
"Celtic Alleluia" Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker

Gospel **Matthew 21: 1-11** (pg. 23 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Preparing the Road for Jesus" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn #300 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

*Benediction

Choral Response "Ride On in Majesty" Thomas William

Postlude "Victory in Jesus" Eugene Bartlett
(Organ/Piano)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4/2/2023

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.

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sharon Longworth

Thought of the Week: “How do I pave the way for Jesus?”

Covid Precautions: We will continue with the precautions of social distancing with the wearing of masks being optional. Please, **if you feel ill**, do not come to church.

Spring Bake Sale: The pick up date is **TODAY** Sunday, April 2, **from noon to 1:00 p.m.**

Easter Breakfast: Please join us for breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 9th, from 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby for egg-baked dishes, sweet rolls, muffins, etc. Beverages, cereal, and fruit will also be provided. **ALL ARE INVITED!!!**

Toy Drive: From now until the end of November, we will be holding a toy drive for the Warren Family Mission. If you wish to participate, there will be a bin in the lobby where you can drop off any new, unwrapped toys at any time. In late November or early December, we will take these toys to the Mission for their yearly Christmas give away. Please keep in mind that while it’s fun to shop for the little ones, there are teenagers who need love and support at Christmas also. Thank you in advance for your kindness. If you have any questions please see Karen Schoch.

WANTED: Readers for Maundy Thursday service to be held April 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. A sign up sheet is in the lobby for those interested in participating this year.

	3/5/23	3/12/23	3/19/23	3/26/23
Attendance	25	20	21	20
Benevolent		5.00		
Building Fund		\$ 50.00		
Current Expenses	\$388.00	\$ 915.00	\$685.00	\$1,571.00
Floating Five	\$ 30.00	\$ 270.00	\$120.00	
Lily		\$ 10.00	\$ 29.25	\$ 9.00
One Great Hour Sharing			\$110.00	\$ 2.00
Flowers			\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
TOTAL	\$418.00	\$1,250.00	\$994.25	\$1,632.00

February Income February Expenditures February Net

\$5,134.00 \$6,882.71 -\$1,748.70

PRAYER LIST

SHUT-INS

American People	Peggy Marshall	Donna Beavers
Joanne Bode	Mary Sabol	Ruth Gilbert
Becky Callahan	Ukraine People	Betty Howren
Betsy Chapley	Tricia Unger (Mark)	Betty Jamison
Kaye Doran	Angie Wiland	Dick Leiby
East Palestine People		Marilyn Leiby
Phil Fletcher		Glenn Mark
Diana Graham		Sue Schoch
Ruth Gilbert		Bob Spencer
Betty Howren		Barb Sponaule
Jim Lytle		

The family of Beverly DeSavigny

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, April 3	Elders/Deacons 6:15 p.m.; Consistory 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 5	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 6	Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m. (Communion)
Sunday, April 9	Easter/Breakfast 9-10 a.m./Service at 10:45 a.m.