

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, April 30, 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 Lord Is My Shepherd" *Thomas Koschat*
(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 "The Lord Is My Shepherd" *Spiritual/arr. Lloyd Pfautsch*

***Call to Worship:** Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Jesus, our Shepherd, lead us to Your kingdom.

All: We hear Your voice and follow, dear Lord.

Leader: Lord, You call us home and it is our heart's desire to come.

All: We hear Your voice and follow, dear Lord.

Leader: Christ, help us to not be distracted by the things of this world.

All: We hear Your voice and follow, dear Lord.

Leader: We praise and worship You, O Lord.

All: We do so in Your most holy name, amen.

***Hymn** #38 "Ye Servants of God"

***Unison Invocation:**

All: Lord of Lords, we follow Your footsteps and open our hearts to Your glory. Help us to be good followers of the faith and to further Your mission here on Earth. Guide us home so that we may bask in Your glory in the Father's kingdom when our time on Earth is done. We pray in Your most holy name, amen.

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

Anthem "Holy Manna" *Joel Raney*

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

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door" *African-American Spiritual*
(Organ/Piano)

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

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

***Hymn** #694 "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Scripture **Psalm 23** (pg. 501 O.T.) *Sheryl Cozad*
1 Peter 2: 19-25 (pg. 233-234 N.T.)
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **John 10: 1-10** (pg. 103 N.T.)
Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

Sermon **All: "Thanks be to God."**
"The Gate is Open" *Rev. Gerald Gammon*

***Hymn** #688 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

***Benediction**
Choral Response #348 (refrain) "How marvelous"

Postlude
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4/30/2023

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: Judy Fabian

Thought of the Week: “Shall I enter through the gate?”

Custodian: The church is currently seeking to fill the, soon to be vacant, custodian position. If you or someone you know, who may be qualified, is interested in doing this part time job, please contact the church office. The job description is posted in the lobby.

Grass Cutting: We are in need of people to help with mowing the lawn at the church. If you can help, please leave your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Thank You: Thank you for the many prayers, phone calls, and cards during my illness and move to Windsor house. *Betty Howren*

Thank You: I want to thank my church family for the beautiful flowers that Junior & Karen Fumerola delivered and the nice cards everyone sent. What a wonderful church family we have! *Diana Graham*

Thank You: Thank you for the beautiful Easter flowers. They are so pretty. *Barbara Edwards*

Easter Lily: The Easter lily is a constant reminder of the risen Christ and our gift of Eternal Life. Thank you, congregation, for this beautiful reminder. *Karen Fumerola*

Easter Breakfast: A big thank you to all who helped with Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday, whether it was decorating, cooking, cleaning up, or attending. We are a small group, but we are mighty! *Bd. Of Christian Ed*

Thank You: I appreciate the gorgeous Easter lily this year. I enjoy how they make the church look more vibrant and smell like spring. *Nancy Hamrick*

	4/2/23	4/9/23	4/16/23	4/23/23	4/30/23
Attendance	28	48		22	
Benevolent	\$ 5.00			\$ 50.00	
Building Fund	\$ 100.00			\$ 25.00	
Current Expenses	\$ 787.00	\$1,354.00	\$548.00	\$531.00	
Floating Five	\$ 179.00	\$ 110.00		\$ 25.00	
Memorial Fund		\$ 200.00	\$ 40.00	\$225.00	
Lilies		\$ 49.75			
Bake Sale		\$ 513.00			
Flowers	\$ 25.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	
Easter				\$ 5.00	
TOTAL	\$1,096.00	\$2,226.75	\$638.00	\$886.00	

March Income	March Expenditures	March Net
\$5,288.50	\$7,104.57	-\$1,816.07

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SHUT-INS

American People	Angie Wiland	Donna Beavers
Becky Callahan		Ruth Gilbert
Betsy Chapley		Betty Howren
East Palestine People		Betty Jamison
Phil Fletcher		Dick Leiby
Ruth Gilbert		Marilyn Leiby
Jim Lytle		Glenn Mark
Peggy Marshall		Norma Patchin
Paul & Deann Muck		Sue Schoch
Mary Sabol		Bob Spencer
Ukraine People		Barb Sponaugle
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