

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, April 6, 2025**

**Sunday School 10:00 a.m./Worship Service 11:00 a.m.**

*Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon (234) 424-3444*

*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. Please silence cell phones during the service.**

Prelude "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" *Lowell Mason/*  
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano) *arr. Ethel Smith*

Greeting  
Pastor: "The peace of Christ be with you." Rev. Gerald Gammon  
People: **"And also with you."**

Welcome and Announcements

Let us begin our worship today:

Choral Introit "Here We Gather as God's People" *Wyeth*

\*Call to Worship: Sharon Longworth

Leader: Lord Jesus, how sorrowful are our hearts as we long for You!

People: **Bless us, O Lord, that we may find You in Your kingdom.**

Leader: Prince of Peace, we seek the comfort that only comes from You.

People: **Shine on us Your everlasting light of love.**

Leader: Son of God, Holy Redeemer, grant us salvation and sanctuary in Your arms.

People: **May we, through You, someday know eternal life in the kingdom of God and forever bask in the glory of the Father. We pray in Your most holy name. Amen.**

\*Hymn #526 "The Solid Rock"

\*Unison Invocation:

**Father in Heaven, You sent Your Son to atone for our sins and to help us learn the path of righteousness. We ask, dear Lord, for Your presence in our lives so that we may always follow Jesus' footsteps to our eternal loving home. Grant us this we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri #813 "Glory Be to the Father"

Anthem "Written in Red" *Gordon Jensen/arr. Camp Kirkland*

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)  
Prayer Response "Only Believe" *Paul Rader*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Faith of Our Fathers" *Hemy/Walton*

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

\*Apostles Creed

Hymn #536 "Have Faith in God"

Scripture **Isaiah 43: 16-21** (pg. 672-673 O.T.) Sharon Longworth

Scripture **Philippians 3: 4b-14** (pg. 198 N.T.)

Gospel **John 12: 1-8** (pg. 106 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 "Be Redeemed by Faith" Rev. Gerald Gammon

\*Hymn #571 "Trust & Obey"

\*Benediction/Final Blessing

Benediction Response "Faith Is the Victory" (refrain) *Ira Sankey*

Postlude "Faith Is the Victory"  
(Organ/Piano) *Ira Sankey*

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

4/6/2025

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.

**Thought for the week: “Am I faithful enough for redemption?”**

**Next week:** Liturgist/Lay Reader: Judy Fabian

**Hamilton Road:** This concert is coming up Saturday, April 12, at 6:00 p.m. with the church opening up at 5:00 p.m. We are asking people to make cookies. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby. Make sure you bring a friend.

**Maundy Thursday:** Worship will be held at 6:30 p.m. We are looking for readers. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby.

**Thank You:** I want to thank my church family for the beautiful cards, prayers, and phone calls during my recuperation. *Joanne Bode*

**Easter Sunday:** There will be a continental breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 20th, at 10:00 a.m. in the lounge. No Sunday School. All are invited to join us.

**Floating Five Balance:** \$2,698.55

	3/2/25	3/9/25	3/16/25	3/23/25	3/30/25
<b>Attendance</b>				<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Benevolence	\$ 50.00				
Building Fund					
Current Expenses	\$470.00		\$304.00	\$160.00	\$195.00
Floating Five	\$ 90.00		\$200.00	\$140.00	\$130.00
Lilies	\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 45.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$630.00</b>		<b>\$524.00</b>	<b>\$330.00</b>	<b>\$370.00</b>

<b>February Income</b>	<b>February Expenditures</b>	<b>February Net</b>
<b>\$2,354.00</b>	<b>\$10,070.80</b>	<b>-\$7,716.80</b>

**Prayer List**

**Shut-in**

Ken Armstrong	Phil Graham	Donna Beavers
Terry Caddell	Marilyn Kolar	Ruth Gilbert
Becky Callahan	Denise Long	Dick Leiby
Jerry Currie	Peggy Marshall	Marilyn Leiby
Rodger Davis	Larry Mattison	Glenn Mark
Steve Doracin	Ted Paxson	Norma Patchin
Arlene Duda	Dave Savage	
Phil Fletcher	Joe Vugrincic	
Erika Gammon	Layes Wood	
	Hailee	
Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world		

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Monday, 4/7/25	Elders/Deacons 6:15 p.m./Consistory 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 4/9/25	Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, 4/12/25	Hamilton Road 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 4/13/25	Palm/Passion Sunday
Wednesday, 4/16/25	Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, 4/17/25	Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m./Parish News deadline