

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, April 8, 2018
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
*(*Please stand, if you are able, at each asterisk.)*

Prelude "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" *Handel*
(Lighting of the Candles)

Greeting

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements Sharon Longworth

Choral Introit "Crown Him with Many Crowns" *arr. Joel Raney*

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord Jesus, you take away the sins of the world.

All: You are our salvation, dear Jesus.

Leader: Christ, Prince of Peace, you save us from damnation.

All: Lord, have mercy on us.

Leader: Sacred Son of God, share with us your mercy.

All: Be merciful in judgment sweet advocate.

All: May we always have your strength to turn away from temptation and love as we should. We ask for guidance and grace, in your name, amen.

*Hymn of Praise #361 "Worship Christ, the Risen King" (stanzas 1, 2, & 5)

*Unison Prayer

Father in Heaven, we beseech you to grant us pardon for our sins. We, who profess to love you, ask for your understanding and mercy. Grant that we shall always walk in your favor and as we work together, build one another up and strengthen your kingdom here on Earth. We ask for your peace, amen.

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

Joys, Concerns & Prayers

Hymn of Prayer #354 "I Cannot Tell"

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)
Prayer Response #340 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" *Helen Lemmel*

Anthem "Alive Forevermore" *Tom Fettke*

Children's Message *Judy Fabian*

Offering Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings/One Great Hour of Sharing

Offertory "Fairest Lord Jesus" *Lynn De Shuzo*

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

Scripture **Acts 4:32-35** (pg. 122 N.T.) *Marilyn Leiby*

Scripture **1 John 1:1-2:2** (pg. 238-239 N.T.)

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Let us pray

All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from the past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.

Sermon "Where's the Shame?" *Rev. Gerald Gammon*

*Hymn of Commitment #368 "He Lives"

*Benediction

*Parting Blessing #368 "He Lives" (refrain only) *Alfred Ackley*
(Congregation & Choir)

Postlude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" *Beethoven*

Thank you to our guest organist, Louise Peterson, for sharing her time, talent, and love of God with us today.

Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon
Director of Music: Karen Fumerola
Guest Organist: Louise Peterson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4/8/18

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 Bob and Diane Lemasters, and in memory of Nicole Boyle (Granddaughter, daughter, mother).

Next Week - Liturgist: Bev Desavigny Reader: Donny Longworth

We have a new email address: firstuccwarren@gmail.com.

The Elders will meet on Monday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Consistory will meet on Monday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

The First Ladies will meet for lunch on Wednesday, April 18 at 12:00 p.m. at the church. Betty Jamison and Donna Beavers are hostesses. All ladies are welcome!

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.

Thank you, Rev. Gammon, for your visit and communion. Thanks also to my church family for your prayers and cards. *Don & Betty Howren*

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*

	3/4/18	3/11/18	3/18/18	3/25/18
Attendance	35	43	43	49
Benevolent	\$ 63			
Floating Five	\$ 135.15	\$ 120	\$ 130	\$ 10
Flowers			\$ 30	\$ 30
Building Imp	\$ 8			
Current Expense	\$ 993	\$2483	\$ 986	\$716
Ray McLean MF	\$ 225	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 20
Olive Baker MF	\$ 50			
WFM	\$ 100			
OGHS		\$ 146	\$ 10	
Easter Lily		\$ 12	\$ 22	\$ 10
TOTAL	\$1574.15	\$2861	\$1378	\$786

PRAYER LIST

Joanne Bode, Esther Clark & family, Aiden Elder, Debbie Fabian, Don Howren, Carol Huntzinger, Norma Patchin, Search Committee, Margaret Sheets

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, April 9
Thursday, April 12
Sunday, April 15
Wednesday, April 18
Thursday, April 19
Thursday, April 26
Sunday, April 29

Elders mtg. @6:00 p.m./Consistory @7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.
Rev. Karen Binford
First Ladies @12:00 p.m. at the church
Parish News deadline/Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.
Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.
Deacons mtg. after church