

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, August 4, 2024**

**Worship Service 11:00 a.m.**

*Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon (330) 306-8965*

*Director of Music: Karen Fumerola*

*Guest 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.**

Prelude "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" (recorded) *R. Travis*  
(Lighting of the Candles)

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:

\*Call to Worship: Sharon Longworth

Leader: Lord Jesus, we hunger for the Bread of Life.  
People: **Feed us, O Lord, that we may be filled with Your grace.**

Leader: Though we hunger, You, O Lord, are our sustenance.

People: **Let our bodies forever be filled with Your presence.**

Leader: Help us, Jesus, to not seek the bread of this world, but rather only that which is pleasing to Your Father.

People: **We submit ourselves to the true "Bread of Life". Amen**

\*Hymn #682 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

\*Unison Invocation:

**Lord Jesus, we come before You this day to humble ourselves before You and ask for Your divine forgiveness. We seek only to be pleasing in the sight of our Lord, and to perform the way You have commanded us to. Help us, O Lord, that we might love as we should and render Your love and promise to the world around us. We pray in Your most holy name. Amen.**

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

Special Music "Ivory Palace" *Henry Barraclough*  
Duet: Barbara Edwards & Linda Martin

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)  
Prayer Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" *Traditional Folk Song*  
Solo: Linda Martin

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

\*Apostles Creed  
Hymn #553 "Nearer, My God, to Thee"

Scripture **Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15** (pg. 62-63 O.T.) Sharon Longworth  
Scripture **Ephesians 4: 1-16** (pg. 193-194 N.T.)  
Gospel **John 6: 24-35** (pg. 98 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 "Who's Hungry?" Rev. Gerald Gammon

Communion:  
Blessing of the Elements  
Silent Meditation  
Consumption of the Cup  
Consumption of the Bread

\*Hymn #581 "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

\*Benediction/Final Blessing

Postlude "God Be with You" *William Tomer*  
(Organ/Piano)

*We are blessed to have, Linda Martin, with us today. Thank you, Linda, for your vocal music to uplift our spirits as we worship our Lord.*

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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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: Do I eat of the bread of this world or the next?**

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

**Welcome back Pastor Gammon. We missed you!!!**

**Floating Five:** Today’s “loose offering (coins or cash)” will go to the Floating Five food vouchers. If you choose to write a check, please put it in an envelope and mark the envelope “Floating Five”. Thank you for your support!

**Physical Assets Team:** There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby for people to sign to help us get through the many procedures of closing the church.

**Craig Cozad Run/Walk:** This annual event will take place on Saturday, August 31, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. at the Sunside Trailhead.

**Summer Hours:** Worship will remain at the 11:00 a.m. time due to scheduling conflicts.

**Annual Church Picnic:** Saturday, August 24, 2024, from noon to 4:00 p.m., at the **Lake Park Pavilion** in Howland Township Park. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship! Please plan on bringing a covered dish, your own place settings, chairs, and games for all ages to play. Everyone is welcome! A sign-up sheet will be in the lobby at the beginning of August.

**Toy Drive:** We are once again holding our Toy Drive from now until the end of November 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.

	7/7/24	7/14/24	7/21/24	7/28/24
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>
Benevolence	\$ 5.00			
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$2,028.00	\$1,382.00	\$504.00	\$148.00
Floating Five	\$ 59.00	\$ 130.00	\$120.00	\$220.00
Flowers				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,092.00</b>	<b>\$1,512.00</b>	<b>\$624.00</b>	<b>\$368.00</b>

<b>June Income</b>	<b>June Expenditures</b>	<b>June Net</b>
\$4,365.00	\$11,816.47	-\$7,451.47

**Prayer List**

**Shut-in**

Becky Callahan	Jacob Lemasters	Donna Beavers
Jerry Currie	Diane Lemasters	Ruth Gilbert
Rodger Davis	Denise Long	Betty Howren
Steve Doracin	Dean Mahalick	Dick Leiby
Phil Fletcher	Peggy Marshall	Marilyn Leiby
Erika Gammon	Larry Mattison	Glenn Mark
Gerald Gammon	Norma Patchin	Norma Patchin
Wesley Gault	Carter Plott	Barb Sponaugle
Ruth Gilbert	Mary Sabol	The Gammon family
Phil Graham	Joe Vugrincic	The Vugrincic/Bode
Dick Leiby	Layes Wood	family
Marilyn Leiby	Hailee	
Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world		

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Monday, August 5  
Wednesday, August 7  
Thursday, August 15  
Saturday, August 24

Deacons 6:15 p.m./Consistory 7:00 p.m.  
Men’s Fellowship breakfast 9:00 a.m.  
Parish News deadline  
Church Picnic 12-4 p.m.