

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, August 20, 2023

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Jim Houston

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 "Sound the Trumpet" Henry Purcell  
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano)

Greeting  
Leader: "The peace of Christ be with you."  
People: "And also with you."

Welcome and Announcements Judy Fabian

Let us begin our worship today:

\*Call to Worship: Judy Fabian

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when we gather in unity.

All: **It's like a gathering of folks who love quilting, coming together to stitch a new quilt.**

Leader: It's like people in support of their towns marching band, cheering them on as they travel to State Fair competition.

All: **It's like standing at the airport, eager to greet exchange students traveling to launch into their abroad experience.**

Leader: When people of faith come together, joyful prayers fill the air.

All: **So we turn to God, sharing our joy.**

\*Hymn #21 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

\*Unison Invocation:

All: Holy God, we Your people, stand here eager to pray and praise You! Thank You for waking us today. Thank You for helping us gather in this place, or tune in online, to share this worship hour. We rejoice in Your

presence with us, and Your Spirit drawing us close to You and to one another. We celebrate what You call us to be and to do as followers of Jesus, the Christ. May the words of our mouths and thoughts in our hearts bind us to You and to one another as we worship You! Amen.

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

Special Music Randy Davis

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)  
Prayer Response "Holy, Holy, Holy" Argentine Folk Song

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Randy Davis

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

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

Hymn #667 "Lord, Speak to Me"

Scripture Genesis 45:1-15 (pg. 42 O.T.) Judy Fabian

Romans 11:1-2, 29-32 (pg. 160, 161 N.T.)

Gospel Matthew 15:10-28 (pg. 17 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "The Great Reveal" Rev. Jim Houston

\*Hymn #56 "To God, Be the Glory"

\*Benediction

Postlude "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing" James McGranahan  
(Organ/Piano)

We thank our soloist, Randy, for his special music. God bless you for sharing God's message today.

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

8/20/2023

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: Sheryl Cozad

Our guest minister for August 27 will be Rev. Jim Houston.

*Dear all,*

*Thank you all for the wonderful cards, prayers, and texts. My surgery went well and recovery is underway. As expected, things are a little worse pain wise, but that should improve with time. I pray for you all daily and you are carried in my heart. Thank you again for all your kindness.*

*Love and prayers, Pastor Gerry*

**The Valley Senior Choir:** Judy Fabian invites everyone to come hear her group on Friday, September 8, 2023, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the McKinley Memorial in Niles. This is a free special event that honors the life of President McKinley. The choir is the featured event, but other things are being planned by the museum.

**10 k Run & 1.5 Walk in Memory of Craig Cozad:** Craig Cozad was passionate about distance running and spending time outdoors. To better connect with his memory and come together as friends and family, my daughter, Breann, son-in-law, Bill, and I wanted to organize a 10k run and 1.5 walk. All are welcome (and encouraged!) to join in this memorial race on Saturday, September 2, starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Sunside Trailhead of the Western Reserve Greenway bike trail on Rt. 305 in Champion. The race will be informal and race bibs will be provided, however we are asking you to monitor your own time. As you cross the finish line, provide your name and bib number to the volunteer present. We will have a small award for the top male and female finisher of the 10k run. We are not asking for any race fees or donations, but if you would like to donate to charity in his honor, we are asking this year's donations be sent to the church. There will be a cookout afterward (please see Sheryl Cozad for details).

**Annual Church Picnic:** Saturday, August 26, 2023, from noon to 4:00 p.m., at Howland Township Park pavilion. 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.

**Address Change:** Donna Beavers, 309 Shepherds Way, Warren, Ohio 44484.  
Jeff Robinson, 518 W. 1st St., Elmira, NY 14905

	8/6/23	8/13/23	8/20/23	8/27/23
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>		
Benevolent		\$ 5.00		
Building Fund	\$ 100.00			
Current Expenses	\$ 712.00	\$685.00		
Floating Five	\$ 199.00	\$120.00		
Flowers				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,011.00</b>	<b>\$810.00</b>		

### **July Income**

\$3,799.67

### **July Expenditures**

\$8,175.21

### **July Net**

-\$4374.54

### **PRAYER LIST**

### **SHUT-INS**

American People	Norma Patchin	Donna Beavers
Donna Beavers	Mary Sabol	Ruth Gilbert
Becky Callahan	Ukraine People	Betty Howren
Betsy Chapley	Angie Wiland	Betty Jamison
Bill Coy		Dick Leiby
Rodger Davis		Marilyn Leiby
East Palestine People		Glenn Mark
Phil Fletcher		Norma Patchin
Gerald Gammon		Sue Schoch
Ruth Gilbert		Bob Spencer
Peggy Marshal		Barb Sponaugle
		Angie Wiland

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Saturday, August 26

Annual Church Picnic 12-4 p.m. at Howland Park

Thursday, August 30

Choir Rehearsal @3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 1

10k run & 1.5 Walk Sunside Trailhead at Western Reserve Park at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 3

Floating Five

Wednesday, Sept. 6

Men's Fellowship breakfast @9:00 a.m.