

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, August 25, 2024

Worship Service 11:00 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. We also ask that you refrain from conversation during our service.

Prelude "Fairest Lord Jesus" *German Air/arr. Frank Asper*
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano)

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, where would we go if not to You?

People: **For You are the One true Son of God, and our shepherd.**

Leader: Christ Jesus, You have loved us, taught us, and sacrificed for us.

People: **We are forever Your followers to be led to Your Father above.**

Leader: Lord, may we spread Your Gospel. May we love as we should.

People: **Greet us at Heaven's gate when our time on Earth is through.
We pray in Your most holy name, Amen.**

*Hymn #225 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

*Unison Invocation:

Gracious God! Hear us, O Lord, as we proclaim ourselves as Your servants. We humbly submit ourselves to Your service and ask that You mold us and use us for Your purposes. Fill our minds with wisdom and our hearts with courage, so that we may do Your bidding in the face of resistance and persecution. For Your way is the righteous way, and through Jesus Christ we believe and serve You. We are Yours! Amen!

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

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)
Prayer Response "Spirit Song" *John Wimber*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" *Perry Smith/arr. Tedd Smith & Don Hustad*

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

*Apostles Creed
Hymn #415 "We Are Called to Be God's People"

Scripture **Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18**(pg. 215-216 O.T.)Sharon Longworth
Scripture **Ephesians 6: 10-20** (pg. 195. N.T.)
Gospel **John 6: 56-69** (pg. 98-99 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 "Where Shall We Go? Who Shall We Serve?" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn #602 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*Benediction/Final Blessing

Postlude "I Shall Not Be Moved" *American Folk Melody*
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

08/25/2024

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 serve the Lord or the World?

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Judy Fabian

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Physical Assets Team: The Team has begun its work and is progressing on an inventory of church items and will meet again in early September.

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

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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.

Thank You: I want to thank my church family for the prayers and sympathy cards when my aunt, Kathryn Vugrincic died. Your love and support helped me through a very difficult time. God bless you all!
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Phil Graham	Mary Sabol	
Dick Leiby	Joe Vugrincic	
Marilyn Leiby	Layes Wood	
	Hailee	
Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world		

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, August 27
 Wednesday, August 28
 Monday, September 2
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Women's Luncheon 12:30 p.m.
 Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m.
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