

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, August 27, 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 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" *Percy Smith*
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano)

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

Welcome and Announcements Sheryl Cozad

Let us begin our worship today:

*Call to Worship: Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Give thanks and praise to the Holy One.
All: **We bow down in reverence as we, the temple of the living God, gather for worship.**
Leader: Sing praises with Your whole heart.
All: **We exhaust our God who is faithful and steadfast in love.**
Leader: Hear the word of our great and glorious God.
All: **We listen in anticipation for the sovereign one remembers God's people.**

*Hymn #401 "The Church's One Foundation"

*Unison Invocation:

All: God of many names, we gather as a people formed by You. You drew us from the primordial and gestational waters. You give us breath and life and being. You meet us in the sanctuary and on the sofa. You call us by name and with purpose, care, and love. May our time together in this space remind us

of our connectedness to You, each other, and all creation. May You be glorified, honored, and worshipped in spirit and in truth. May we be rooted, challenged, and encouraged in love. We welcome Your presence among us. We seek Your guiding Spirit. We place our trust in Your. Amen.

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

Special Music "Way Maker" *Renee, Lydia, & Danica Koehrsen*

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)
Prayer Response "Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory "Goodness of God" *Renee, Lydia, & Danica Koehrsen*

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

*Apostles Creed (May be found in the back cover of the hymnal)
Hymn #433 "Rise Up, O Church of God"

Scripture **Exodus 1:8-2:10** (pg. 49 O.T.) Sheryl Cozad

Romans 12:1-8 (pg. 161-162 N.T.)

Matthew 16:13-20 (pg. 18 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God." Rev. Jim Houston

*Hymn #43 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*Benediction

Postlude "The Solid Rock" *William Bradbury*
(Organ/Piano)

We thank our soloists, Renee, Lydia, & Danica, for their special music. God bless you all 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: Judy Fabian

Our guest minister for September 3 will be Rev. Marvin Barney.

*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*

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| Attendance | 27 | 21 | 27 | |
| Benevolent | | \$ 5.00 | | |
| Building Fund | \$ 100.00 | | | |
| Current Expenses | \$ 712.00 | \$685.00 | \$536.00 | |
| Floating Five | \$ 199.00 | \$120.00 | \$175.00 | |
| Flowers | | | \$100.00 | |
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| Becky Callahan | Mary Sabol | Betty Howren |
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