

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Sunday School 9:30 a.m./Worship Service 11:00a.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. Please refrain from conversation during the service.

Prelude "Christ Arose" *Robert Lowry/Babcock & Voss*
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano)

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

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Gerald Gammon

Let us begin our worship today:

Choral Introit "He Lives" *Alfred Ackley*

*Call to Worship: Sharon Longworth

Leader: Halleluiah! Halleluiah! The tomb is empty!

All: We worship the Risen Lord!

Leader: Jesus, we thank You for Your defeat of death!

All: We worship the Risen Lord!

Leader: Resurrected Lord, we trust our eternity to You!

All: We worship the Risen Lord!

Leader: Praise and glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

All: We bless and glorify You, Lord Jesus, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Processional Hymn #367 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*Unison Invocation:

All: Let all mankind rejoice in the resurrected Lord. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as One with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Glory to You, O Lord, and may we find favor in Your sight. Blessed be the resurrected Lord. Blessed be those that receive Him. We pray. Amen.

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

Anthem "But Now Is Christ Risen" *John Peterson*

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)
Prayer Response "Lamb of God" *Twila Paris*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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

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

Hymn #360 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Response "Holy, Holy, Holy" *Argentine Melody*

Scripture **Isaiah 25:6-9** (pg. 652 O.T.) Sharon Longworth
Acts 10:34-43 (pg. 129-130 N.T.)
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **John 20:1-18** (pg. 113 N.T.)
Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

Sermon **All: "Thanks be to God."** Rev. Gerald Gammon
"No Stone Unturned"

Invitation to Communion/Prayer over the elements
Communion/Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #357 "Christ Arose"

*Benediction

Postlude "He Lives" *Alfred Ackley*
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

03/31/2024

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.

The flowers have been placed on the altar to the honor and glory of God in memory of Joanne Bode’s mother, in celebration of her birthday last week.

Communion: We will process up to receive communion today, and will have a choice of red wine or grape juice when receiving the cup.

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Judy Fabian

Thought of the Week: “What stands between Jesus and me?”

Toy Drive: From now until the end of November, we will be holding a toy drive 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.

Hamilton Road: They will be performing on Saturday, April 13, at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome, so bring your friends! We are asking people to bake two dozen cookies so we have enough cookies and refreshments. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday, April 3	Men’s Fellowship breakfast 9:00 a.m./Choir 12:30 pm
Sunday, April 7	Floating Five
Monday, April 8	Elders/Deacons 6:15 p.m./Consistory 7:00 p.m.
Wed., April 10	Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m.
Monday, April 15	Meeting with Assoc. Minister at 6:30 p.m.
Wed., April 17	Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m.

	3/3/24	3/10/24	3/17/24	3/24/24	3/31/24
Attendance	21	22	25	29	
Benevolence	\$ 55.00				
Building Fund					
Current Expenses	\$2,390.00	\$731.00	\$591.00	\$281.00	
Floating Five	\$ 74.00	\$110.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	
Flowers				\$75.00	
Lilies		\$ 60.00		\$19.90	
Bake Sale		\$ 15.00		\$ 665.00	
TOTAL	\$2,519.00	\$916.00	\$691.00	\$1,165.90	

Thanks to all of those who purchased lilies.. Please remember to take your lily (s) home after the service today.

- ◆ Joanne Bode in memory of Herman & Pauline Bode, parents and Aunt Esther & Dorothy
- ◆ Tammy Boyle in memory of Nicole Boyle
- ◆ Cheryl Copeland in memory of Nathaniel and Marguerite Parries
- ◆ Judy Fabian in memory of her father & sister
- ◆ Debbie Ferry in memory of Tim Ferry and James Walker
- ◆ Junior & Karen Fumerola in memory of our parents
- ◆ Gerald & Marian Gammon in memory of our loved ones
- ◆ Phil & Diana Graham in memory of our parents
- ◆ Don & Sharon Longworth in memory of Bill & Sue Schoch
- ◆ Virginia Neff in memory of her husband, Gary Neff, her son, Chris Neff, and her parents, Carl & Mary Ellen Ward
- ◆ Wimer family

