

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Sunday, February 9, 2020**  
**Sunday School 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service 10:45 a.m.**  
*(\*Please stand, if you are able, at each asterisk.)*

Prelude

(Lighting of the Candles)

Greeting

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Sharon Longworth

Choral Introit

“Come! Come! Everybody Worship”

*Natalie Sleeth*

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Almighty and Benevolent God, You have seen fit to send us Your Spirit to guide us.

**All: May we receive the gifts of Your Spirit and be forever true to You.**

Leader: O Lord, Your Spirit knows what is in our hearts and minds always.

**All: Let us be filled with Your love and Your intentions.**

Leader: Though we may not be perfect, may we always strive to be pleasing in Your sight.

**All: Look upon us with favor and mercy and love.**

Leader: We, Your children, forever search for righteousness and a better relationship with You.

**All: Be with us through Your Spirit and guide us to You, O Lord. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

\*Hymn #93 “God, Our Father, We Adore Thee”

\*Unison Invocation:

All: Blessed Father, we seek Your wisdom and strength. Help us to be good followers of Your Son, Jesus, in all we say and do. May we be beacons of light to others that lead others to Your kingdom. Strengthen us in times of weakness. Fill our hearts with Your love and a love for You. Bless us with the knowledge of You, fill us with Your Spirit, and strengthen our resolve to follow You in all we do and say. We ask for Your continued mercy and grace through Jesus, Your Son. 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

#340

“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

*Helen Lemmel*

Anthem

“Creation Will Be at Peace”

*Anna L. Page*

Soloist: Bill Paxson

Children’s Message

Judy Fabian

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Prayer

Offertory

\*Doxology

#815

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymn

#665

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

Scripture

**Isaiah 58:1-12** (pg. 688-689 O.T.)

Ron Schoch

Scripture

**Matthew 5:13-20** (pg. 4 N.T.)

Sermon

“Stay Focused on Christ”

Rev. Gerald Gammon

\*Hymn

#552

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

\*Benediction

\*Parting Blessing

#746

“He Keeps Me Singing”

*Luther Bridgers*

Postlude

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

2/9/2020

If you want to put someone on the prayer chain or prayer list, you must call the church office or fill out a prayer card in church.

Next Week - Liturgist: Donny Longworth Lay Reader: Beverly DeSavigny

**Thought for the week:** “Is my resolve strong to follow Jesus?”

**Heart-to-Heart Sunday:** Today is our chili dinner. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship today and share in good food and company. Feel free to help deliver cookies for those who are absent.

**Pie Sale:** The Deacons are holding a pie sale in time for Easter! Pies will be available the Saturday before Palm Sunday (April 4th). The price of the pies is \$6 each. There will be cherry, peach, apple, and mixed berry available for you to order. Order forms are available in the lobby. Orders should be paid for and turned in by March 22nd. Pick up times for the pies will be Saturday, April 4th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Communion Schedule:** There are few things in the life of a Christian that are more meaningful than sharing the bread and cup of Communion. It is a privilege and honor to prepare the elements for this holy meal. Please consider signing up to prepare the Lord’s Supper using the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

**Thanks:** I want to thank my church family for all the beautiful cards, altar flowers, and the many prayers sent my way while I was recuperating from my surgery. I want you to know I am feeling much better now. *Joanne Bode*

**Thanks:** Thank you to Nicki and Tara for doing such a fine job last Sunday!

	1/26/20	2/2/20	2/9/20	2/16/20	2/23/20
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>			
Benevolent		\$ 5.00			
Building Imp		\$ 50.00			
Current Exp	\$ 761.50	\$ 935.50			
Floating Five	\$ 120.00	\$ 116.01			
Flowers		\$ 30.00			
Warren Mission		\$ 120.00			
Wedding	\$ 63.00				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$944.50</b>	<b>\$1256.51</b>			

### PRAYER LIST

Clyde Baker  
Donna Beavers  
Fred Bode  
Joanne Bode  
Sheri French  
Don Howren  
Betty Jamison  
Becky Kunkel  
Marilyn Leiby  
Betty Mark  
Mary Kate Zweidinger

Marlin Martin  
Ryan Petiya  
Melissa Rein  
Tiffany Scott  
Barb Sponaugle  
Jerry Stephens  
Sue Torno  
Gayle Vidovich  
Joy White  
Janis Williamson

Matz Family

### IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, February 12  
Thursday, February 13  
Wednesday, February 19  
Sunday, February 23  
Wednesday, February 26

Sunday, March 1

Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.  
Parish News deadline  
Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.  
Transfiguration  
Ash Wednesday-communion @6:30 p.m.  
Choir Practice after worship  
First Sunday in Lent  
Opening/Coffee Hour/Floating Five