

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, January 14, 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 "Love Divine" *John Zundel*  
(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 "Jesus, Name Above All Names" *Naida Hearn*

\*Call to Worship: *Judy Fabian*

Leader: Lord Jesus, we humbly submit ourselves to You.

**All: Our hearts are open to receive You, O Lord!**

Leader: Christ Jesus, You see into our hearts and know our intentions.

**All: May our every thought and action find favor in Your eyes.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, You are the great Shepherd and lead us to Heaven.

**All: Allow us to follow You, O Lord, so that we might share eternity with You.**

Leader: May we spread Your love in all that we do.

**All: We pray in Your most holy name, amen.**

\*Hymn #293 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

\*Unison Invocation:

**All: Almighty God, we seek refuge in You. We know You through Your son Jesus, and pray that we shall be pleasing to You. Look not on our failures, but rather our intent. Forgive us where we fall short and award us the redemption that Jesus sacrificed His life for. We ask these things in Jesus' name, amen.**

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

Anthem "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door" *Spiritual/arr. Joy Patterson*

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)  
Prayer Response "Threefold Amen"

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "My Jesus, I Love You" *Adoniram Gordon*

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

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

Hymn #617 "Near to the Heart of God"

Scripture **1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)** (pg. 247 O.T.) *Judy Fabian*  
**1 Corinthians 6:12-20** (pg. 169 N.T.)  
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **John 1: 43-51** (pg. 92-93 N.T.)  
Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"  
**All: "Thanks be to God."**

Sermon "He Knows" *Rev. Gerald Gammon*

\*Hymn #375 "Jesus Shall Reign"

\*Benediction

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

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

01/14/2024

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Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$1,423.50			
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Flowers	\$ 25.00			
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Poinsettias				
Memorial				
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