

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, January 8, 2023**

**Sunday School 9:30 a.m./Worship Service 10:45 a.m.**

*Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon (330) 306-8965*

*Director of Music: Karen Fumerola*

*Guest 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 "It Came upon a Midnight Clear" *Richard Willis*  
(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 "Christmas Is a Birthday" *Gregory Deutsch*

\*Call to Worship: Donny Longworth

Leader: Halleluiah, our King has arrived!

**All: Lord Jesus, we welcome You!**

Leader: O God, we plea for Your presence in our lives in this new year.

**All: Be with us always and love others through us.**

Leader: You are the mighty one. You are the one true God!

**All: May we worship and praise You for Your glory.**

Leader: Lord of Heaven and Earth, we thank You for Your benevolence,

**All: We seek Your favor in all we do, and we do so in Jesus' name, amen.**

Carol #288 "We Three Kings"

\*Unison Invocation:

**All: What a blessing it is to be counted as one of Your children, O God. Love us and teach us so that we might be pleasing in Your sight. Help us to always walk the righteous path that leads us home to you, we pray, amen.**

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

Anthem "Go Tell It on the Mountain" *Spiritual/arr. Stan Pethel*

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

Prayer Response "O come to my heart" *Timothy Matthews*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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

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

Carol #290 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

Scripture **Isaiah 42:1-9** (pg. 670-671 O.T.) Donny Longworth

Scripture **Acts 10:34-43** (pg. 129-130 N.T.)  
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **Matthew 3: 13-17** (pg. 3 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

**All: "Thanks be to God."**

Sermon "Its All for Me and You" Rev. Gerald Gammon

Carol #282 "O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful"

\*Benediction

Choral Response "Reach Out for the Gift" *Steve Tippett*

Postlude

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Floating Five	\$ 35.00				
Flowers					
Poinsettias					
Bake Sale	\$ 495.00				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,281.00</b>				

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| American People   | Gary Noel           |
| Tammy Boyle       | Melissa Rein        |
| Becky Callahan    | Mary Sabol          |
| Betsy Chapley     | Carol Sin           |
| Sandy Croyle      | Bob Spencer         |
| Kaye Doran        | Barbara Sponaugle   |
| Sherri French     | Ukraine People      |
| Ruth Gilbert      | Tricia Unger (Mark) |
| Debbie Heilman    |                     |
| MaryAnn Huffman   |                     |
| Ron Huffman       |                     |
| Betty Jamison     |                     |
| Dick Leiby        |                     |
| Richard Lemasters |                     |
| Glenn Mark        |                     |

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