

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, July 16, 2023**

**Worship Service 10:00 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.**

Prelude "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *John Wyeth*  
(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:

\*Call to Worship: Judy Fabian

Leader: Christ Jesus, You are the sower of good seed.

**All: Plant in us Your eternal love.**

Leader: Jesus, help us to weed out all that would distract us from You.

**All: May we grow in love and service to the Lord!**

Leader: Son of God, You have delivered us from the penalty of sin.

**All: Help us to bloom in Your love so that it may be shared with others!**

Leader: Lord, when harvest time comes, may we be worthy of Your yield.

**All: We ask for Your favor, in Your most holy name, amen.**

\*Hymn "797 "Come, Ye Thankful, People, Come"

\*Unison Invocation:

**All: Lord Jesus, we are but the seed of Your crop. Help us to yield in good measure for You. May we nourish others and grow Your fields in abundance so that Your harvest is plentiful and pleasing to Your Father. Help us to develop good roots and to have the strength to resist evil and sin. May we flourish and produce bountiful grain for those who hunger for the Lord our God. We pray in Your name, 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 "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" *Helen Lemmel*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer" (Organ/Piano) *J. H. Philmore/*  
*arr. Ethel Rogers*

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

\*Apostles Creed (May be found in the back cover of the hymnal)  
Hymn #553 "Nearer, My God, to Thee"

Scripture **Genesis 28: 10-19a** (pg. 25 O.T.) *Judy Fabian*  
**Romans 8: 12-25** (pg. 158 N.T.)  
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43** (pg. 14, 15 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

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

Sermon "Grow Towards the Son" *Rev. Gerald Gammon*

\*Hymn "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" (insert)

\*Benediction

Postlude "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" *Charles Gabriel*  
(Organ/Piano)

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*NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

7/23/2023

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.

The flowers have been placed on the altar to the honor and glory of God by Robert & Diane Lemasters, and in memory of Doil Lemasters, Bob's father.

**Next week:** Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sheryl Cozad

**Thought of the Week:** "What am I in the garden of Jesus?"

**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.

**Rummage Room:** We will be cleaning out and disposing of ALL things from this room, including the old hymnals, as of August 1. If you want anything from this room, take it now or it will no longer be there after August 1, 2023.

**10 k Run & 1.5 Walk in Memory of Craig Cozad:** We will meet on Saturday, September 2, starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Sunside Trailhead of the Western Reserve Greenway bike trail on Rt. 305 in Champion. In the Parish News it said Subside, but it is Sunside.

### **We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder**

1. We are climbing Jacob's ladder. (3x)  
Soldiers of the cross.
3. Sinner, do you love my Jesus? (3)  
Soldiers of the cross.
4. If you love him, why not serve him? (3)  
Soldiers of the cross.
5. We are climbing higher, higher. (3x)  
Soldiers of the cross. Amen.

|                   | 7/2/23          | 7/9/23          | 7/16/23         | 7/23/23 | 7/30/23 |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|---------|
| <b>Attendance</b> | <b>23</b>       | <b>27</b>       | <b>23</b>       |         |         |
| Benevolent        |                 | \$5.00          |                 |         |         |
| Building Fund     |                 |                 |                 |         |         |
| Current Expenses  | \$160.00        | \$851.00        | \$285.00        |         |         |
| Floating Five     | \$53.67         | \$130.00        |                 |         |         |
| Flowers           |                 |                 |                 |         |         |
|                   |                 |                 |                 |         |         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>\$213.67</b> | <b>\$986.00</b> | <b>\$285.00</b> |         |         |

### **June Income**

\$18,668.42

### **June Expenditures**

\$7,471.93

### **June Net**

\$11,196.49

### **PRAYER LIST**

### **SHUT-INS**

|                       |                |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| American People       | Norma Patchin  | Donna Beavers  |
| Donna Beavers         | Mary Sabol     | Ruth Gilbert   |
| Steven Bupp           | Ukraine People | Betty Howren   |
| Becky Callahan        | Angie Wiland   | Betty Jamison  |
| Betsy Chapley         |                | Dick Leiby     |
| Roger Davis           |                | Marilyn Leiby  |
| East Palestine People |                | Glenn Mark     |
| Phil Fletcher         |                | Norma Patchin  |
| Ruth Gilbert          |                | Sue Schoch     |
| Diane Lemasters       |                | Bob Spencer    |
| Peggy Marshall        |                | Barb Sponaugle |
|                       |                | Angie Wiland   |

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

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|---------------------|---|
| Wednesday, August 2 | Men's Fellowship breakfast @9:00 a.m.           |
| Sunday, August 6    | Floating Five                                   |
| Monday, August 7    | Deacons/Elders @6:15 p.m./Consistory @7:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, August 26 | Annual Church Picnic 12-4 p.m. at Howland Park  |