

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, July 2, 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 "Our Country" *Albin Whitworth*  
(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: Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Lord Jesus, we welcome You into our lives!

**All: We are forever grateful for Your presence.**

Leader: Help us to be good representations of Your love to others.

**All: May others find You in us.**

Leader: You, O Lord, are the living Word of God.

**All: Let us be examples of that Word to all.**

Leader: Grant us the knowledge and wisdom to act as You would have us do.

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

\*Hymn #790 "We Gather Together"

\*Unison Invocation:

**All: Father in Heaven, You sent us Jesus to teach us Your Word. May His living example be our guide to perfection and lead us to favor in Your sight. Grow within us the courage and wisdom to do Your bidding and let us be examples of Your undying love to all we meet. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.**

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

Special Music "Patriotic medley"  
Soloist: Judy Fabian

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

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory "America"  
Soloist: Judy Fabian

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

\*Apostles Creed (May be found in the back cover of the hymnal)  
Hymn #799 "America, the Beautiful"

Scripture **Genesis 22: 1-14** (pg. 17-18 O.T.) Sheryl Cozad  
**Romans 6: 12-23** (pg. 156-157 N.T.)  
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **Matthew 10: 40-42** (pg. 11 N.T.)  
Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

Sermon **All: "Thanks be to God."**  
"Let Freedom Ring!" Rev. Gerald Gammon

\*Hymn #804 "Battle Hymn of the Republic" (Stanzas 1, 2, & 4)

\*Benediction

Postlude "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" *J. R. Johnson*  
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7/2/2023

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.

**Next week:** Liturgist/Lay Reader: Judy Fabian

**Floating Five:** Today’s “loose offering (coins or cash)” will go to the Floating Five food vouchers. If you choose to write a check, please put it in an envelope and mark the envelope “Floating Five”. Thank you for your support!

**Thought of the Week:** “How do I exercise my freedom for God?”

**Donation:** We have received a donation from our former organist, Florence Simons, in the amount of \$15,185.42. She loved this church and she loved to play the organ.

**Custodian:** The church is currently seeking to fill the, soon to be vacant, custodian position. If you or someone you know, who may be qualified, is interested in doing this part time job, please contact the church office. The job description is posted in the lobby.

**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.

	6/4/23	6/11/23	6/18/23	6/25/23
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>
Benevolent	\$ 5.00		\$ 50.00	
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$691.00	\$645.00	\$ 864.00	\$751.00
Floating Five	\$ 42.00	\$140.00	\$ 50.00	\$220.00
Flowers			\$ 25.00	
Memorial			\$15,185.42	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$738.00</b>	<b>\$785.00</b>	<b>\$16,174.42</b>	<b>\$971.00</b>

May Income	May Expenditures	May Net
\$4,569.75	\$8,483.80	-\$3,914.05

**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**

Sunday, July 2	Floating Five
Monday, July 3	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, July 4	Independence Day—OFFICE CLOSED