

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, July 8, 2018
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

(*Please stand, if you are able, at each asterisk.)

Prelude "Fairest Lord Jesus" *arr. Lani Smith*
(Lighting of the Candles)

Greeting
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements Sharon Longworth

*Call to Worship

Leader: Heavenly Father, you provide for us well,

All: We give you thanks and praise.

Leader: Gracious God, though bad things happen to us, you give us strength to get through,

All: Your grace is a gift beyond measure.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you give us the example of sacrifice and love,

All: May we follow in your footsteps.

Leader: Holy Spirit, be with us great comforter as we live our lives,

All: May your presence be ever felt in our hearts.

*Hymn of Praise #104 "O Worship the King" (1, 2, and 5)

*Unison Invocation:

Lord God, our lives may not be as perfect as we think they should be, but with your grace we can live good lives filled with blessings from you. Help us to rely on you for the strength we need to face adversity and comfort us as we struggle. We are your children O God, look upon us with favor and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Joys, Concerns & Prayers

Hymn of Prayer #79 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

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

Offering Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Adagio Cantabile" *Beethoven*
*Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Scripture **Ezekiel 2:1-5** (pg. 770-771 O.T.) Brenda Hibbard

Scripture **2 Corinthians 12:2-10** (pg. 185-186 N.T.)

Sermon "We All Get Thorns" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn of Commitment #571 "Trust and Obey" (1, 3, 4, and 5)

*Benediction

Postlude "Lead On, O King Eternal" *arr. Lani Smith*

PRAYER LIST

Aiden Elder

Don Howren

Betty Jamison

Norma Patchin

Rick Pregibond

Florence Simons

Jeff Sponaugle

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

Director of Music: Karen Fumerola

Guest Organist: Jeannine Morris

ANNOUNCEMENTS

7/8/18

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.

The flowers have been placed on the altar to the honor and glory of God by John & Becky Kunkel, and in honor of our new members.

Next Week - Liturgist: Karen Fumerola Reader: Marilyn Leiby

Please remember to pick up a copy of the new Church Directory (one per family).

Louise Petersen will be our guest organist next Sunday and Emily Marsteller will be playing a piano solo.

There are many openings in the altar flower schedule if you would like to honor someone with flowers. Please see the sign up sheet on the office door or call the church office. The cost is \$15 per vase, \$30 for both.

I wish to extend a very heartfelt thank you to all of you for the welcoming my family and I have received in this church. Your support and friendship have been overwhelming and we truly feel like we have come home. The installation and reception were spectacular and very moving to me. Special thanks to those who worked so hard on the reception, making it perfect! Also, a special thank you to Ron Schoch: "It was an honor to be "brought in" by you during the installation ceremony." Again, thank you to all and may the peace and love of our Savior, Jesus Christ, be with you all. *Pastor Gerry*

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	6/3/18	6/10/18	6/17/18	6/24/18
Attendance	39	41	36	48
Benevolent	\$ 58	\$ 5	\$ 10	
Floating Five	\$ 129	\$130	\$130	\$130
Flowers		\$ 30	\$105	
Building Imp	\$ 8			
Current Expense	\$1598	\$463	\$301	
WFM				
TOTAL	\$1793	\$628	\$546	\$1211

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, July 11

Thursday, July 19

Men's Fellowship breakfast @9:00 a.m.

Parish News deadline