

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, July 9, 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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" *Conrad Kocher/*
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano) *arr. Tedd Smith & Don Hustad*

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: O Lord, we are watchful for Your return.

All: May we be ready for when You come back to us!

Leader: Christ Jesus, look upon us with mercy and forgiveness.

All: Find us worthy of Your blessings.

Leader: Holy Word of God, may our hearts be filled with joy to see You!

All: Though we are not worthy of Your grace, grant it to us all.

Leader: Jesus, Lord of Lords, grant us peace in our eternity.

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

*Hymn #630 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*Unison Invocation:

All: Blessed Lord, we ask for Your blessings and seek Your favor. Let us live in the knowledge of Your benevolence and undying love. Fill us with hope of the coming life in Your kingdom, and may we forever bask in the glory of Your face. Bring us to Your loving arms and grant us peace forevermore. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.

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

Special Music Doyle Keeney

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)
Prayer Response #254 "Isn't He? (Beautiful & Wonderful)" *John Wimber*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Doyle Keeney

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

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

Hymn #193 "God Is So Good"

Scripture **Psalm 145: 8-14** (pg. 581 O.T.) Judy Fabian

Romans 7: 15-25a (pg. 157 N.T.)

"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30** (pg. 11, 12 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Isn't Jesus Wonderful?" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn #746 "He Keeps Me Singing"

*Benediction

Postlude #353 "Victory in Jesus" *Eugene Bartlett*
(Organ/Piano)

Thank you, Doyle, for your offering in song this Sunday morning. God bless you for sharing His message.

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

7/9/2023

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: Sharon Longworth

Thought of the Week: “Am I ready for the return of Christ?”

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.

	7/2/23	7/9/23	7/16/23	7/23/23	7/30/23
Attendance	23				
Benevolent					
Building Fund					
Current Expenses	\$160.00				
Floating Five	\$ 53.67				
Flowers					
Memorial					
Expenses	\$213.67				

June Income	June Expenditures	June Net
\$18,668.42	\$7,471.93	\$11,196.49

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SHUT-INS

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Steven Bupp	Ukraine People	Betty Howren
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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
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IMPORTANT DATES

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