

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, June 25, 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 "My Jesus, I Love Thee" *A. J. Gordon*  
(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: Sharon Longworth

Leader: Lord Jesus, You have paid our sin debt with Your sacrifice.

**All: Thankful are we for Your benevolence.**

Leader: Christ Jesus, we love You, and follow You to Your Father's kingdom.

**All: Lead us, O Lord, that we might find our way.**

Leader: Light of the World, illuminate us, and save us from the shadows.

**All: May we act as beacons of Your light to the world!**

Leader: Help us to truly follow You always.

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

\*Hymn #87 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

\*Unison Invocation:

**All: Praise God for all He has done for us! Thank the Lord for His favor! We worship and glorify our God, Creator of all that is, seen and unseen. With our Lord, Jesus, let us walk the path of righteousness and forever spread the Good News throughout the world! Praise God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, 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 "Jesus, Jesus" (#384) *John Wimber*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory "Now I Belong to Jesus" (Organ/Piano) *Norman Clayton*  
Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

\*Hymn #505 "He Touched Me"

Scripture **Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17** (pg. 544 O.T.) Sharon Longworth  
**Romans 6:1b-11** (pg. 156 N.T.)  
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **Matthew 10:24-39** (pg. 10-11 N.T.)  
Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"  
**All: "Thanks be to God."**

Sermon "Lose Yourself in Jesus" Rev. Gerald Gammon

\*Hymn #592 "Jesus Calls Us"

\*Benediction

Postlude "Jesus Is All the World to Me" *Will Thompson*  
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

6/25/2023

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:

**Thought of the Week:** “Do I submit myself to God’s will?”

**Parish News:** Please remember to pick up your July Parish News.

**Ladies Luncheon:** The ladies will meet on Tuesday, June 27, at noon at the Eat'n Park on Elm Rd. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there!

**Donation:** Former organist, Florence Simons, bequeathed us a donation 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.

**Consistory Meeting:** Today, after our service, a brief Consistory meeting will be held in the IDAKA room. All members of Consistory are asked to attend.

**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.

**Thank You:** Many thanks to the choir for the beautiful petunia basket. There are hundreds of blossoms on it! Thanks to Judy Fabian for hosting a choir party—fun, fellowship, and full tummies for all. *Karen Fumerola*

	6/4/23	6/11/23	6/18/23	6/25/23
<b>Attendance</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	
Floating Five	\$ 42.00	\$140.00	\$ 50.00	
Flowers			\$ 25.00	
Memorial			\$15,185.42	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$738.00</b>	<b>\$785.00</b>	<b>\$16,174.42</b>	

<b>May Income</b>	<b>May Expenditures</b>	<b>May Net</b>
\$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		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, June 25	Consistory Meeting after Sunday service
Sunday, July 2	Floating Five
Monday, July 3	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, July 4	Independence Day—OFFICE CLOSED