

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, June 4, 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 "Creation Will Be at Peace" *Anna Page*
(Lighting of the Candles)

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: O God, You are the creator of all things.

All: You have made all that is seen and unseen.

Leader: You, the maker of Heaven and Earth, are the One true God.

All: Blessed are we to know Your grace.

Leader: We thank You for all this life has to offer us.

All: May we enjoy the fruits of Your creation always.

Leader: When our time in this life ends, may we see Your face in the next.

All: All glory and honor is Yours, through Christ our Lord, amen.

*Hymn #3 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

*Unison Invocation:

All: Blessed Trinity, You have given life to all that lives. You seek a relationship with us, Your human creation. We praise and worship You forever and seek the day that we stand in Your presence in Your holy kingdom. Grant us Your love and peace, we pray, amen.

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

Special Music "I'll Fly Away" *Albert Brumley*
"Down to the River" *George Allen*
Soloists: Kevin Fumerola, Leona Krepps,
Garry & Amber Mitcham, and Jerry Rogers

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

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory "Open the Eyes of My Heart" *Paul Baloche*
Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

*Hymn #676 "O Jesus, I have Promised"

Scripture **Genesis 1:1-2:4a** (pg. 1 O.T.) *Sharon Longworth*
2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (pg. 186 N.T.)
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **Matthew 28:16-20** (pg. 34 N.T.)
Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"
All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "In All of Creation" *Rev. Gerald Gammon*

*Hymn #502 "In My Heart There Rings a Melody"

*Benediction

Postlude "Victory in Jesus" *Eugene Bartlett*

We thank our guest musicians, Kevin, Leona, Garry, Amber, and Jerry, for sharing their faith in song today.

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

6/4/2023

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: Sheryl Cozad

Thought of the Week: “Am I worthy of my Creator?”

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.

Burning of Palms: After today’s service we will be burning old palms to make ashes for next Ash Wednesday.

Thank You: A million thanks to our dedicated choir members who have definitely earned a summer break from weekly rehearsals. See you in the “loft” in August, choir, and, again THANK YOU!
Karen Fumerola

Thank You: Judy Fabian for the beautiful work you have done on our altar flowers. Your artistry dresses up our church so much! Thank you!

Thank You: Thank you, choir, for your thoughtfulness. The flowers are beautiful and I will enjoy them all summer long. Thank you so very much.
Barbara Edwards

	5/7/23	5/14/23	5/21/23	5/28/23
Attendance	21	24	24	20
Benevolent	\$ 5.00			
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$ 869.95	\$579.00	\$1,258.00	\$ 975.00
Floating Five	\$ 58.00	\$300.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 220.00
Easter Lily	\$ 29.25			
Pentecost Flowers	\$ 155.55			
TOTAL	\$1,117.75	\$879.00	\$1,378.00	\$1,195.00

April Income	April Expenditures	April Net
\$7,127.75	\$5,927.15	\$1,200.60

PRAYER LIST

SHUT-INS

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, June 4	Floating Five
Monday, June 5	Elders/Deacons 6:15 pm/Consistory 7:00 pm
Thursday, June 15	Parish News deadline
Sunday, June 18	Father’s Day