

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, March 16, 2025
Sunday School 10:00 a.m./Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon (234) 424-3444

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. We also ask that you refrain from conversation during our service. Please silence cell phones during the service.

Prelude "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" *William Croft*
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano)

Greeting
Pastor: "The peace of Christ be with you." Rev. Gerald Gammon
People: "And also with you."

Welcome and Announcements

Let us begin our worship today:

Choral Introit "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" Salter Book 1962

*Call to Worship: Judy Fabian

Leader: Lord Jesus, we pray that we can bring many to Your love.

People: **Let our joyful hearts attract others to You, O Lord!**

Leader: Christ Jesus, may our bounty, on Your behalf, be fruitful.

People: **May our love for You bring others into the fold!**

Leader: Gracious Lord, help us to do Your bidding always.

People: **For the glory of Your Father and the salvation of mankind, we pray in Your most holy name. Amen.**

*Hymn #309 "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

*Unison Invocation:

Lord Jesus, You filled the nets of the fishermen with fish. Help us, O Lord, that our catch of redemptive sinners be just as great. We submit ourselves to

Your will, use us to bring others to You, not through the use of nets or traps, but rather through the love we share. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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

Anthem "I Believe in a Church Called Mt. Calvary" *William Gaither*
Soloists: Barbara Edwards & Judy Fabian

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)
Prayer Response "Three-fold Amen"

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" *arr. Don Hustad*

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

*Apostles Creed

Hymn #640 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Scripture **Deuteronomy 26: 1-11** (pg. 180-181 O.T.) Judy Fabian

Scripture **Romans 10: 8b-13** (pg. 160 N.T.)

Gospel **Luke 4: 1-13** (pg. 61 N.T.)

All Sing (After Gospel is announced) "Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: **"Thanks be to God."**

Sermon "Let's Go Fishing for the Lord" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn #235 "Take the Name of Jesus with You"

*Benediction/Final Blessing

Benediction Response "I Will Make You Fishers of Men"

Postlude "Seek Ye First" *Karen Rafferty*
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3/16/2025

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.

Thought for the week: “How do I cast my net of Jesus’ love?”

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sharon Longworth

Suggestions for Funds: We are still asking for suggestions on distribution of our leftover funds when the church closes. There are additional forms in the lobby.

Easter Lily: Spring is around the corner and so is Easter! Time to order your lilies. The price this year has stayed the same, \$9.95 per plant. The deadline is Sunday, March 30. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Ladies Luncheon: Ladies are invited to attend the monthly luncheon held at Eat-N-Park. This month’s luncheon will take place on March 25, at 12:30. Please come join in the fun and fellowship!

One Great Hour of Sharing: Next Sunday, March 30, we will be collecting money for this special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. It connects you to disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development efforts around the globe. When disasters strike, or when individuals are displaced due to violence or poverty, OGHS ensures immediate response and ongoing recovery. Through your support, OGHS funds comprehensive development programs in areas such as healthcare, education, agriculture, food security, microfinancing, and women's empowerment. If you wish to give, envelopes are provided in the lobby on the table.

Hamilton Road: This concert is coming up on Saturday, April 12, at 6:00 p.m. with the church opening up at 5:00 p.m. We are asking people to make cookies. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby. Make sure you bring a friend.

	3/2/25	3/9/25	3/16/25	3/23/25	3/30/25
Attendance					
Benevolence	\$ 50.00				
Building Fund					
Current Expenses	\$470.00				
Floating Five	\$ 90.00				
Lilies	\$20.00				
TOTAL	630.00				

February Income	February Expenditures	February Net
\$2,354.00	\$10,070.80	-\$7,716.80

Prayer List

Shut-in

Ken Armstrong	Erika Gammon	Donna Beavers
Joanne Bode	Phil Graham	Ruth Gilbert
Terry Caddell	Denise Long	Dick Leiby
Becky Callahan	Peggy Marshall	Marilyn Leiby
Jerry Currie	Larry Mattison	Glenn Mark
Rodger Davis	Shannon Nicholson	Norma Patchin
Steve Doracin	Ted Paxson	
Arlene Duda	Mary Sabol	
Shirley Fabian	Joe Vugrincic	
Phil Fletcher	Layes Wood	
	Hailee	
Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world		

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Wednesday, 3/19/25 | Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, 3/20/25 | Parish News deadline |
| Tuesday, 3/25/25 | Ladies Luncheon @ Eat-n-Park 12:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, 3/26/25 | Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m. |