

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Sunday School 9:30 a.m./Worship Service 10:45 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 Faith Looks Up to Thee" *Lowell Mason*
(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:

Choral Introit "Open Our Eyes, Lord" *Robert Cull*

*Call to Worship: Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Lord Jesus, open our eyes that we might see.

All: Heal us, O Lord!

Leader: Help us to see Your face and the light that shines from it.

All: Heal us, O Lord!

Leader: May Your Spirit heal us and guide us.

All: Heal us, O Lord!

Leader: Help us to be God's children always.

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

*Hymn #563 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

*Unison Invocation:

All: Beautiful Savior, we seek You in our lives. Help us to better see You in our daily lives and to help others do the same. May we come to realize that you are ever present and it is us that must open our eyes and see You. Grant us Your saving touch, we pray, amen.

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

Anthem "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" *Helen Lemel*

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

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings/One Great Hour of Sharing
Offertory "The Light of the World is Jesus" (Organ/Piano) *Philip Bliss*
Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Apostles Creed (May be found in the back cover of the hymnal)
Hymn #562 "Be Thou My Vision"

Scripture **Psalm 23** (pg. 23 O.T.) *Sheryl Cozad*
Scripture **Ephesians 5: 8-14** (pg. 194 N.T.)
Gospel **John 9: 1-48** (pg. 102-103 N.T.)
Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"
All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Open our Eyes" *Rev. Gerald Gammon*

*Hymn #684 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

*Benediction
Choral Response "Stepping in the Light" *William Kirkpatrick*

Postlude "Stepping in the Light" *William Kirkpatrick*
(Organ/Piano)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

3/19/2023

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: Judy Fabian

The flowers have been placed on the altar to the honor and glory of God by Joanne Bode, and in memory of her mother, Pauline Bode.

Thought of the Week: “Am I willing to see Jesus?”

One Great Hour Of Sharing Offering: Helps support partners in countries with ministries that fund health education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response. Envelopes are provided in the bulletins.

Easter Breakfast: Please join us for breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 9th, from 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby for egg-baked dishes, sweet rolls, muffins, etc. Beverages, cereal, and fruit will also be provided. ALL ARE INVITED!!!

Covid Precautions: We will continue with the precautions of social distancing with the wearing of masks being optional. Please, **if you feel ill, do not come to church.**

Spring Bake Sale: The pick up date is Sunday, April 2, **from noon to 1:00 p.m.**

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.

WANTED: Readers for Maundy Thursday service to be held April 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. A sign up sheet is in the lobby for those interested in participating this year.

	3/5/23	3/12/23	3/19/23	3/26/23
Attendance	25	20		
Benevolent		5.00		
Building Fund		\$ 50.00		
Current Expenses	\$388.00	\$ 915.00		
Floating Five	\$ 30.00	\$ 270.00		
Lily		\$ 10.00		
Flowers				
TOTAL	\$418.00	\$1,250.00		

February Income	February Expenditures	February Net
\$5,134.00	\$6,882.71	-\$1,748.70

PRAYER LIST

American People	Glenn Mark
Becky Callahan	Peggy Marshall
Betsy Chapley	Mary Sabol
Beverly DeSavigny	Bob Spencer
Kaye Doran	Barbara Sponaugle
East Palestine People	Ukraine People
Phil Fletcher	Tricia Unger (Mark)
Ruth Gilbert	Angie Wiland
Betty Howren	
Betty Jamison	The Family of
Dick Leiby	Bob Wiland/Coburn
Jim Lytle	

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, March 19
Wednesday, March 22
Wednesday, March 29
Sunday, April 2

One Great Hour of Sharing/Bake Sale deadline
Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.
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Palm/Passion Sunday/Floating Five