

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Sunday, March 24, 2024**  
**Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship Service 11:00 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. We also ask that you refrain from conversation during our service.**

Prelude "The Palms" *J. Fauré*  
(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 "Antiphonal Hosanna" *G. Alan Smith*

\*Call to Worship: Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Lord Jesus, we are excited for Your coming!

**All: We glorify You with Your Father!**

Leader: Jesus, we welcome You into our hearts and lives!

**All: May we find Your presence in all that we meet!**

Leader: Christ our Lord, You alone are the Holy One and our Messiah.

**All: We worship You and glorify You as we humble ourselves before You.**

Leader: May we find Your favor and become worthy of Your love.

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

\*Processional Hymn #300 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

\*Unison Invocation:

**All: We pour out our hearts before You. We have known You, but have not always loved You. We have wounded one another and sinned against You. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember Your covenant. Renew Your creation. Restore us that we might proclaim Your Good News to all. Amen.**

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

Blessing of the Palms

Hymn #297 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

Prayer Response "O come to my heart" *Timothy Matthews*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "The Holy City" *Stephen Adams*

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

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

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

Scripture **Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29** (pg. 565-566 O.T.) Sheryl Cozad  
**Mark 11:1-11** (pg. 47 N.T.)

**All sing:** "Alleluia"

Gospel **John 12:12-16** (pg. 106 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

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

Sermon "Be Excited for Jesus!" Rev. Gerald Gammon

\*Hymn #512 "Jesus Is All the World to Me"

\*Benediction

Postlude "Ride On, Ride On In Majesty" *Thomas Williams*  
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

03/24/2024

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**Thought for the Week: Celebrate the love of Jesus!**

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	3/3/24	3/10/24	3/17/24	3/24/24	3/31/24
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Benevolence	\$ 55.00				
Building Fund					
Current Expenses	\$2,390.00	\$731.00	\$591.00		
Floating Five	\$ 74.00	\$110.00	\$100.00		
Flowers					
Lilies		\$ 60.00			
One Great Hour		\$ 15.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,519.00</b>	<b>\$916.00</b>	<b>\$691.00</b>		

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