

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Sunday, March 30, 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 "Love Divine" *John Zundel/arr. Ethel Smith*  
(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 "Here We Gather as God's People" *Wyeth*

\*Call to Worship: Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Lord Jesus, when we were lost You brought us home.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord, our Shepherd!**

Leader: Christ Jesus, look not on our sins, but rather our repentive hearts.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord, our Redeemer!**

Leader: Risen Lord, as You have defeated the sting of death, let us rejoice in everlasting life!

People: **Glory to You, O Lord, our one true way to the promised land!  
May we forever reside with You in the Kingdom of Heaven. We pray in Your most holy name. Amen.**

\*Hymn #82 "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him"

\*Unison Invocation:

**Loving Lord, may we fill our hearts with Your loving Spirit and bring that love to others through the Good News of Your Gospel. Help us to willingly share our blessings of hope, love, and joy, so that all around us know Your glory. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri #813 "Glory Be to the Father"

Anthem "More Like the Master" *Charles Gabriel*

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 "He Went about Doing Good" *John Peterson*

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

\*Apostles Creed

Hymn #79 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Scripture **Joshua 5:9-12** (pg. 197 O.T.) *Sheryl Cozad*

Scripture **1 Thessalonians 3:11-13** (pg. 204 N.T.)

Gospel **Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32** (pg. 78-79 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 "Practice, Practice, Practice" Rev. Gerald Gammon

\*Hymn #593 "Where He Leads Me"

\*Benediction/Final Blessing

Benediction Response "Three-fold Amen"

Postlude "We're Marching to Zion" *Robert Lowry*  
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

3/30/2025

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 shall I practice loving others?”**

**Next week:** Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sharon Longworth

**One Great Hour of Sharing:** Today 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.

**Easter Lily:** Today is the last day to order your lilies.

**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.

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Building Fund					
Current Expenses	\$470.00		\$304.00	\$160.00	
Floating Five	\$ 90.00		\$200.00	\$140.00	
Lilies	\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$630.00</b>		<b>\$524.00</b>	<b>\$330.00</b>	

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**Shut-in**

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Jerry Currie	Peggy Marshall	Marilyn Leiby
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Arlene Duda	Dave Savage	Sabol Family & Friends
Phil Fletcher	Joe Vugrincic	
Erika Gammon	Layes Wood	
	Hailee	
Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world		

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Wednesday, 4/2/25	Men’s Fellowship breakfast 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, 4/6/25	Floating Five
Monday, 4/7/25	Elders/Deacons 6:15 p.m./Consistory 7:00 p.m.
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