

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, May 14, 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 "Ave Maria" *Franz Schubert*  
(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 "He Is The King of Kings" *Virgil Meares*

\*Call to Worship: Sharon Longworth

Leader: Jesus, we glorify You with the Father and the Spirit.

**All: We worship and praise Your holy name!**

Leader: We know that You are One with the Father.

**All: We are forever Your followers and you are our friend.**

Leader: You left us the Spirit so that we may always know Your love.

**All: We celebrate You and all that You have done for us!**

Leader: May Your sacrifice atone for our shortcomings.

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

\*Hymn #182 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

\*Unison Invocation:

**All: Holy Spirit, You have been gifted to us from the Father through Jesus Christ. Forever be by our side and help us to choose wisely the path of righteousness. Help us to someday see the Father through Jesus Christ and guide us when we falter. We ask in the name of the Holy One, amen.**

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

Anthem "Precious Lord, What a Friend" *arr. Patsy Simms*

Honoring/Blessing of Mothers

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 "In My Heart There Rings a Melody" (Choir) *Elton Roth/arr. Patti Drennan*

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

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

\*Hymn #453 "Happy Our Home When God is There"

Scripture **Psalm 66: 8-20** (pg. 528-529 O.T.) Sharon Longworth  
**1 Peter 3: 13-22** (pg. 234 N.T.)  
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **John 14: 15-21** (pg. 109 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

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

Sermon "We Are Not Alone" Rev. Gerald Gammon

\*Hymn #747 "Sunshine in My Soul"

\*Benediction

Choral Response "Because He Lives" *William Gaither*

Postlude "In My Heart" *Elton Roth/arr. Patti Drennan*  
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

5/14/2023

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:** “Do I let the Spirit move me?”

**Women of First U.C.C.:** We are planning to meet for a noon luncheon on Wednesday, May 31, at Eat n Park Restaurant, located on Elm Road. The gathering is open to all women and we look forward to seeing you there!

**Worship Time Change:** We will be starting our summer schedule on Sunday, May 28, at 10:00 a.m. with our Pentecost/Memorial celebration and communion.

**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.

**Grass Cutting:** We are in need of people to help with mowing the lawn at the church. If you can help, please leave your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet 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.

**Planting of Flowers:** Thank you for all who came out yesterday to plant our beautiful flowers around the church yard. How beautiful they are! Surely, the Spirit of the lord abounds here. Thank You also to all who supported the purchase of the flowers, we couldn't have done it without YOU!

**Thank You:** Thank you to all who supported our Opening and Coffee Hour last week. How wonderful it is to share a snack and great fellowship. Thank you Sharon Longworth for organizing it all and for the work of set up and clean up.

	5/7/23	5/14/23	5/21/23	5/28/23
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>21</b>			
Benevolent	\$ 5.00			
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$ 869.95			
Floating Five	\$ 58.00			
Easter Lily	\$ 29.25			
Pentecost Flowers	\$ 155.55			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,117.75</b>			

### April Income

\$7,127.75

### April Expenditures

\$5,927.15

### April Net

1,200.15

### PRAYER LIST

### SHUT-INS

American People  
Becky Callahan  
Betsy Chapley  
Roger Davis  
East Palestine People  
Phil Fletcher  
Ruth Gilbert  
Peggy Marshall  
Paul & Deann Muck  
Mary Sabol  
Ukraine People

Donna Beavers  
Ruth Gilbert  
Betty Howren  
Betty Jamison  
Dick Leiby  
Marilyn Leiby  
Glenn Mark  
Norma Patchin  
Sue Schoch  
Bob Spencer  
Barb Sponaugle  
Angie Wiland

### IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, May 18

Thursday, May 24

Sunday, May 28

Monday, May 29

Sunday, June 4

Monday, June 5

Parish News Deadline/Choir Rehearsal 3:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal 3:30 pm

Pentecost/Memorial Sunday/Worship 10:00 am

Memorial Day—OFFICE CLOSED

Floating Five

Elders/Deacons 6:15 pm/Consistory 7:00 pm