

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

(\*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 "All Things Bright and Beautiful" *arr. David Hegarty*  
(Lighting of the Candles)

Greeting

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Gammon

Let us begin our worship today as we join in the Call to Worship:

\*Call to Worship:

Craig Cozad

Leader: Lord Jesus, You have sent us out into the world.

**All: May we spread Your Good News!**

Leader: Christ Jesus, You give us hope and direction.

**All: Your love guides us, O Lord.**

Leader: May our works on Your behalf glorify You and Your Father.

**All: May we be worthy of Your sacrifice.**

Leader: As we travel spreading the love Heaven has for us, let us give thanks and praise always.

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

Hymn #56 "To God Be the Glory"

\*Unison Invocation:

**All: Almighty and benevolent God, we seek Your favor and to do Your bidding. Please let us walk with You in all we do and may Your words come from our mouths as we speak. We are forever Your children and want to please You because You are our beloved Father. You have shown us the way home. Now give us the courage and strength to follow the path home to You. We pray in Jesus's name, amen.**

Gloria Patri #812 "Glory Be to the Father"

Joys and Concerns

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

(debt and debtors)

Prayer Response #532

"Only Believe"

*Paul Rader*

Offering Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"I Love to Tell the Story"

*William Fischer*

Doxology

#815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymn

#436 "Freely, Freely"

Scripture

**Psalm 1:1-6** (pg. 489 O.T.)

Craig Cozad

Scripture

**John 17:6-19** (pg. 111 N.T.)

Sermon

"Spreading the News"

Rev. Gerald Gammon

Hymn

#446 "We've a Story to Tell the Nations"

\*Benediction

Postlude

"Send the Light"

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Guest Organist: Barbara Edwards

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

5/16/21

If you want to put someone on the prayer chain or prayer list, you must call the church office or fill out a prayer card in church.

The flowers have been placed on the altar to the honor and glory of God by Judy Fabian, and in memory of her sister, Debbie, on her birthday.

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

**Thought for the week:** “Am I spreading the Good News?”

### **Change in Restrictions:**

- ◆ **Singing with masks on**
- ◆ **Ushers will take up the collection**
- ◆ **Masks and social distancing still required**

**Men’s Breakfast:** This month we will meet on May 19th, and afterwards we will come to the church to prepare the outside areas for flowers. We will be planting sometime after Pentecost Sunday.

**Memorials:** Please keep in mind that if you want to make donations to the church in memory of someone, the donation needs to be earmarked for a particular item or project. Donations to the operating funds are a wonderful tribute to a loved one. Nothing could express the love someone has for this church more than sustaining it.

**Pentecost Sunday (10:45 a. m.):** We will be collecting red flowers to display on the altar for Sunday, May 23rd. The flowers will later be planted around the church.

**Memorial Sunday (10:00 a.m.):** On Sunday, May 30th, we will be remembering our loved ones who have passed. (There will be no Sunday School).

	5/2/21	5/9/21	5/16/21	5/23/21	5/30/21
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>42</b>			
Benevolent	\$ 5.00	\$ 50.00			
Building Fund		\$ 10.00			
Current Expenses	\$763.00	\$1,328.00			
Floating Five	\$119.00	\$ 180.00			
Flowers		\$ 30.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$887.00</b>	<b>\$1,598.00</b>			

**Altar Flowers:** If you would like to order flowers to be put on the altar in remembrance of a loved one, the price is \$30 for two vases or \$15 each. If you order flowers for Sunday, you are now responsible for disposal/disbursement of those flowers.

### **PRAYER LIST**

Anita Balentine	Pam Hayes
Simone Bellando	Betty Jamison
Donna Beavers	Candy Lemasters
Susan Booth	Mitch Paxson
Charlie Cope	Bob Spencer
Betsy Chapley	Barb Sponaugle
Kevin Fumerola	Sue Torno
Ruth Gilbert	Vicky Town
Charlie Grounds	Wayne Vidovich
Harry Yeager	

Booth family

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Thursday, May 19  
Sunday, May 23  
**Sunday, May 30**  
**Monday, May 31**  
Sunday, June 6  
Monday, June 7  
Monday, June 7  
Thursday, June 17

Men’s Fellowship breakfast @9:00 a.m.  
Pentecost-bring red flowers  
**Worship @10:00 a.m.**  
**Memorial Day– OFFICE CLOSED/No Sunday Sch**  
Floating Five  
Elders/Deacons mtg. @6:15 p.m.  
Consistory @7:00 p.m.  
Parish News deadline