

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, May 21, 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 "Faith of Our Fathers" arr. Tedd Smith/Don Hustad
(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 "Let There Be Praise" *Dick & Melodie Tunney*

*Call to Worship: Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Lord Jesus, You made Your Father known to us all.

All: We are forever grateful for this knowledge.

Leader: Bless us, O Lord, with a relationship with our Creator that lasts.

All: Forever may we know our Father's friendship and love.

Leader: May we be known as you were known to the Father.

All: And may we find favor with Him as You did.

Leader: We seek His divine love and favor, through You, Lord Jesus.

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

*Hymn #143 "This Is My Father"

*Unison Invocation:

All: Faithful Father, just as Jesus trusted in You, we do also. Be with us, O Lord, and watch over us, sending Your Spirit to us to help us along the way. May we find ourselves wrapped in Your loving arms as we follow Your Son to the Kingdom of Heaven. We pray, amen.

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

Anthem "Pray for the People" *Pepper Choplin*

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

Prayer Response "Only Believe" *Paul Rader*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "I Love You, Lord" (Organ/Piano) *Laurie Klein*

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

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

*Hymn #539 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (stanzas 1 & 2)

Scripture **Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35** (pg. 529, 530 O.T.) Sheryl Cozad
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 (pg. 235 N.T.)
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **John 17: 1-11** (pg. 111 N.T.)
Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

Sermon **All: "Thanks be to God."**
"Blessed are the Faithful" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn #375 "Jesus Shall Reign"

*Benediction
Choral Response "Have Faith in God" *B. B. McKinney*

Postlude "When We All Get to Heaven"
(Organ/Piano) *Emily Wilson*

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5/21/2023

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

Thought of the Week: “Do I surrender all to the Lord?”

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 next 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 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: Thanks to Karen Fumerola for the pretty pink carnation & muffin, the news of friends and flower planting, and the ladies luncheon. We thank you Bill & Linda Paxson for delivering communion and the many phone calls. Sunday the 14th was Dick’s 95th birthday and we celebrated quietly. God bless you all for your dedication and caring ways.
Marilyn & Dick Leiby

	5/7/23	5/14/23	5/21/23	5/28/23
Attendance	21	24		
Benevolent	\$ 5.00			
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$ 869.95	\$579.00		
Floating Five	\$ 58.00	\$300.00		
Easter Lily	\$ 29.25			
Pentecost Flowers	\$ 155.55			
TOTAL	\$1,117.75	\$879.00		

April Income

\$7,127.75

April Expenditures

\$5,927.15

April Net

\$1,200.60

PRAYER LIST

SHUT-INS

American People

Becky Callahan

Betsy Chapley

Roger Davis

East Palestine People

Phil Fletcher

Ruth Gilbert

Peggy Marshall

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 24

Sunday, May 28

Monday, May 29

Sunday, June 4

Monday, June 5

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