

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, May 6, 2018**

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

*(\*Please stand, if you are able, at each asterisk.)*

Prelude "Lily of the Valley" *William S. Hays*

(Lighting of the Candles)

Greeting

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements *Sharon Longworth*

Choral Introit #348 "My Savior's Love" *Charles Gabriel*

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Heavenly Father, we, your children, come together today to praise and worship you.

**All: We worship you and give you thanks.**

Leader: Lord God, walk with us through our journey of life and move us in the direction of your favor.

**All: Father, may we be led by you Holy Son, and follow His path to you.**

Leader: Father, you are the master of the universe, lead us through Christ to your kingdom.

**All: Help us to focus on Jesus and His love.**

\*Hymn of Praise #648 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

\*Unison Prayer

**Lord, we ask that you hear our prayers of love and thanksgiving as we join in the love of Christ. Though we aren't worthy of your love, you give it to us freely and we are thankful for such a wonderful gift. Please help us to dwell in your love as we journey through life and may we carry your love to all that we encounter. Amen.**

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

Joys, Concerns & Prayers

Hymn of Prayer #634 "More Love to Thee"

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

Prayer Response #78 "I Love You, Lord" *Laurie Klein*

Anthem "All That I Need" *Twila Paris/Larry Mayfield*

Children's Message *Judy Fabian*

Offering Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" *Charles H. Gabriel*

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

Scripture **Psalm 98:1-9** (pg. 551-552 O.T.) *Brenda Hibbard*

Scripture **John 15:9-17** (pg. 109-110 N.T.)

Sermon "Journey in Love" *Rev. Gerald Gammon*

\*Hymn of Commitment #429 "They'll Know We Are Christians"

\*Benediction

\*Parting Blessing #423 "The Bond of Love" *Otis Skillings*  
(Congregation & Choir)

Postlude "Prelude in F Major" *J. S. Bach*

**PRAYER LIST**

Esther Clark, Aiden Elder, Don Howren, Norma Patchin, Jeff Sponaugle.

*Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon  
Director of Music: Karen Fumerola  
Guest Organist: Louise Petersen*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

5/6/18

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 Bob & Diane Lemasters, and in memory of Diane’s mother, Katherine Meeker.

Next Week - Liturgist: Judy Fabian Reader: Beverly DeSavigny

We will not have communion on Mother’s Day but on Pentecost Sunday the following week.

Today’s “loose offering (coins or cash)” will go to the Floating Five food vouchers. If you choose to write a check, please put in an envelope and mark the envelope “Floating Five”. Thank you for your support!

The Elders & Deacons will meet on Monday, May 7, at 6:00 p.m.

Consistory will meet on Monday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m.

May 20 is Pentecost Sunday. Please remember to bring your red flowers to be placed on the altar. The Men’s Fellowship will then plant them around the church.

There are many openings in the altar flower schedule if you would like to honor someone with flowers. Please see the sign up sheet on the office door or call the church office. The cost is \$15 per vase, \$30 for both.

Sylvia Moyes has been moved to her new apt. #210 @ Shepherd of the Valley, 4100 N River Rd. Warren, Ohio 44484. She loves cards!

Thank you, church family and friends, for your prayers, calls, and beautiful cards. I am feeling well and I am very thankful for my good results. Love,  
*Joanne Bode*

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, and Easter lily after my recent surgery. Thank you,  
*Diane Lemasters*

|                   | 4/1/18      | 4/8/18        | 4/15/18      | 4/22/18       | 4/29/18         |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>Attendance</b> | <b>65</b>   | <b>44</b>     | <b>35</b>    | <b>40</b>     | <b>42</b>       |
| Benevolent        | \$ 50       |               | \$ 10        |               |                 |
| Floating Five     | \$ 290      | \$ 130        | \$120        | \$ 130        | \$130           |
| Flowers           |             |               | \$ 30        | \$ 60         |                 |
| Easter Lily       | \$ 60       |               | \$ 12        |               |                 |
| Building Imp      |             |               | \$ 12        |               |                 |
| Current Expense   | \$1286      | \$ 955        | \$639        | \$1246        | \$613.50        |
| Easter            | \$ 180      | \$ 60         |              |               |                 |
| WFM               | \$ 120      |               |              |               |                 |
| Ray McLean MF     | \$ 50       |               |              | \$ 110        |                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>2036</b> | <b>\$1145</b> | <b>\$823</b> | <b>\$1546</b> | <b>\$743.50</b> |

Many thanks to First U.C.C. for the beautiful Easter lily. It’s a reminder of Christ’s resurrection and promise of everlasting life.  
*Karen Fumerola*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Sunday, May 6  
Monday, May 7

Thursday, May 10  
Sunday, May 13  
Thursday, May 17  
Sunday, May 20  
Thursday, May 24

Opening/Coffee Hour/Floating Five  
Elders/Deacons mtg. @6:00 p.m.  
Consistory @7:00 p.m.  
Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.  
Mother’s Day  
Parish News deadline/Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.  
Pentecost Sunday-communion  
Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.