

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, May 7, 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 "He" *Jack Richards*
(Lighting of the Candles)

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: Judy Fabian

Leader: Jesus, we believe that You are one with the Father.

All: We worship and glorify You with the Father and Spirit.

Leader: Lord Jesus, You are the truth and the life.

All: We worship and glorify You with the Father and Spirit.

Leader: Christ Jesus, all things are made possible through Your name.

All: We worship and glorify You with the Father and Spirit.

Leader: Savior, save us from our inequity and shame.

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

*Hymn #403 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

*Unison Invocation:

All: Lord, You told us whatever we ask in Your name will come to us. We pray for Your return and our salvation. Grant us that we shall see Your face and the face of Your Father and know eternal and everlasting peace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

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

Anthem "Sing Your Song of Joy" *Berta & Sonja Poorman*

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)
Prayer Response "Alleluia" *Jerry Sinclair*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "His Eye is on the Sparrow" *Charles Gabriel*

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

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

*Hymn #406 "Wonderful Words of Life"

Scripture **Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16** (pg. 505-506 O.T.) *Judy Fabian*
1 Peter 2: 2-10 (pg. 233 N.T.)
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **John 14: 1-14** (pg. 77 N.T.)
Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"
All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "One with the Father" *Rev. Gerald Gammon*

*Hymn #572 "Blessed Assurance"

*Benediction
Choral Response "Behold, Behold!" *arr. N. R. Schaper*

Postlude "How Great Thou Art" *arr. Stuart Hine*

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5/7/2023

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: Sharon Longworth

Thought of the Week: “Am I of the Father?”

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.

Pentecost Flowers: Most of you are aware that we have a tradition of decorating the outside of our church during summer with red flowers. This is usually done at Pentecost. In the past we have asked people to bring red flowers on that day for planting. This year instead of asking for flower donations, the church will purchase them from a local greenhouse, so that we will have more consistency and make it easier to get them planted at a time convenient for those doing the work. In conjunction with this policy, we invite those who would normally buy flowers for planting, to make a nominal monetary donation. Please place your donation in the offering plate with a notation for “Pentecost Flowers”.

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: We will be planting around the church on Saturday, May 13, at 9:00 a.m. Anyone who is able, is invited to help. If possible bring a shovel or trowel for planting.

	4/2/23	4/9/23	4/16/23	4/23/23	4/30/23
Attendance	28	48		22	23
Benevolent	\$ 5.00			\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00			\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Current Expenses	\$ 787.00	\$1,354.00	\$548.00	\$531.00	\$ 905.00
Floating Five	\$ 179.00	\$ 110.00		\$ 25.00	\$ 125.00
Memorial Fund		\$ 200.00	\$ 40.00	\$225.00	
Lilies		\$ 49.75			
Bake Sale		\$ 513.00			
Flowers	\$ 25.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	
Easter				\$ 5.00	
Pentecost Flower					\$ 70.00
TOTAL	\$1,096.00	\$2,226.75	\$638.00	\$886.00	\$1,175.00

April Income

\$7,127.75

April Expenditures

\$5,927.15

April Net

1,200.15

PRAYER LIST

SHUT-INS

American People	Donna Beavers
Becky Callahan	Ruth Gilbert
Betsy Chapley	Betty Howren
Roger Davis	Betty Jamison
East Palestine People	Dick Leiby
Phil Fletcher	Marilyn Leiby
Ruth Gilbert	Glenn Mark
Peggy Marshall	Norma Patchin
Paul & Deann Muck	Sue Schoch
Mary Sabol	Bob Spencer
Ukraine People	Barb Sponaule
	Angie Wiland

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, May 7

Thursday, May 11

Thursday, May 18

Opening/Coffee Hour/Floating Five

Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.

Parish News Deadline/Choir Rehearsal 3:30 pm