

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, October 2, 2022

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

Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon (330) 306-8965

Director of Music: Karen Fumerola

Guest 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 "Holy, Holy, Holy" John Dykes/arr. David Hegarty  
(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 "Come! Come! Everybody Worship" Natalie Sleeth

\*Call to Worship:

Ron Schoch

Leader: Christ Jesus, You gave us the treasure of the Gospel.

**All: We thank You for the gift, and pray to be good stewards of it.**

Leader: Lord, You lived the life that God wants us all to live.

**All: Help us to follow in Your holy footsteps.**

Leader: Son of God, You had the courage and fortitude to live the Word of God.

**All: May we be sufficient in our quest to live as You would have us do.**

Leader: Please, Lord, bless us in Your most holy name,

**All: Amen.**

Hymn #408 "How Firm a Foundation"

\* Unison Invocation :

**All: Father in Heaven, You have given us so much to inherit through Jesus! Help us to be worthy of such wonderful gifts. May we be pleasing in Your sight and willingly follow Jesus all the way home to You. We pray in His name, amen.**

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

Anthem

"Pass It On"

Kurt Kaiser

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/Neighbors in Need

Offertory

"The Gift of Love"

arr. Hal Hopson

Doxology

#815

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

Hymn

#430

"There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"

Scripture

**Lamentations 3: 19-26** (pg. 766 N.T.)

Ron Schoch

Scripture

**2 Timothy 1: 1-14** (pg. 211 N.T.)

"Celtic Alleluia" Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker

Gospel

**Luke 17: 5-10** (pg. 80 N.T.)

Pastor:

"This is the Word of our Lord"

**All:**

**"Thanks be to God."**

Sermon

"Guard the Good Treasure"

Rev. Gerald Gammon

Hymn

#460

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Invitation to Communion

Communion

\*Benediction

Postlude

"Heavenly Sunlight

(Organ/Piano)

arr. David Smither

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

10/02/2022

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

The flowers have been placed on the altar to the honor and glory of God by Donny & Sharon Longworth, and in memory of his father Donny E. Longworth II.

**Thought for the week:** “How do I guard the Good Treasure?”

**Neighbors in Need:** Today, we will be collecting for NIN, which is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

**Covid Precautions:** We will continue with the precautions of social distancing with the wearing of masks being optional. Please, if you feel ill, do not come to church.

**Altar Flowers:** It is always nice to remember loved ones with altar flowers. The altar vases increased to \$50 for two vases or \$25 each.

**Rummage Sale:** There will be a rummage sale on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will be selling hotdogs, sloppy joes, chips, pop, coffee, and having a small bake sale, along with a basket raffle. We need volunteers for October 19 & 21 for hour or two. **We also ask that you mark your items before bringing them in on October 16. Thank you!**

**Thank You:** I would like to thank my church family for your prayers, phone calls, and the many beautiful cards I received during my illness. God bless you all!  
*Diana Graham*

|                   | 9/4/22          | 9/11/22         | 9/18/22         | 9/25/22           |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Attendance</b> | <b>24</b>       | <b>30</b>       | <b>27</b>       | <b>28</b>         |
| Benevolent        | \$ 5.00         |                 |                 |                   |
| Building Fund     |                 | \$ 10.00        |                 | \$ 50.00          |
| Current Expenses  | \$620.00        | \$676.00        | \$725.50        | \$1,300.00        |
| Floating Five     | \$ 21.78        | \$230.00        | \$120.00        | \$ 175.00         |
| Flowers           |                 |                 |                 |                   |
| Memorials         |                 |                 |                 | \$ 30.00          |
|                   |                 |                 |                 |                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>\$646.78</b> | <b>\$916.00</b> | <b>\$945.50</b> | <b>\$1,555.00</b> |

**PRAYER LIST**

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| American People | Gary Noel         |
| Becky Callahan  | Peggy Marshall    |
| Betsy Chapley   | Mary Sabol        |
| Sandy Croyle    | Michael Sabol     |
| Ruth Gilbert    | Carol Sin         |
| Debbie Heilman  | Bob Spencer       |
| Betty Jamison   | Barbara Sponaugle |
| Dick Leiby      | Ukraine People    |
| Mark Leiby      | Rob Waid          |
| Glenn Mark      | John Wyko         |
| Gary Noel       |                   |

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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| Sunday, October 2    | World Communion/Neighbors In Need/Floating Five |
| Monday, October 3    | Deacons/Elders @6:15 p.m./Consistory @7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, October 5 | Men’s Fellowship breakfast @9:00 a.m.           |
| Saturday, October 22 | Rummage/Bake Sale 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.          |