

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, October 15, 2023
Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon
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 “Holy, Holy, Holy” - “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” medley *Dykes & Mason*
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano)

Greeting

Leader: “The peace of Christ be with you.”

People: “And also with you.”

Welcome and Announcements

Sheryl Cozad

Let us begin our worship today:

Choral Introit: #211 “Let There Be Praise”

Dick & Melodie Tunney

*Call to Worship:

Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Lord, You are the source of all that is good.

All: Blessed are we to find favor in Your sight.

Leader: Almighty and benevolent God, we seek to do Your will.

All: May we forever walk the path of love and righteousness.

Leader: Lord of light, You illuminate the world through Jesus.

All: May we bask in the light of our Lord and bring His promise of salvation to the shadows.

Leader: Lord, we are but simple children who seek the face of their Father.

All: May we someday see You face to face, and share eternity with You. We pray in Jesus’ name, amen.

*Hymn #182 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

*Unison Invocation:

All: Lord God, we are Your people. We descend from those that discovered Jesus as the Messiah. May we be as one in the anticipation and excitement of His return, and may we be ever vigilant and prepared for the same. Look into our hearts and remove any obstacle that may prevent us from loving as we should. Bolster our spirits with the knowledge of Your love and saving grace. Fill us with Your love and promise of a better tomorrow. We ask in Jesus’ 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 #485 “Into My Heart” *Harry Clarke*

Anthem “Everywhere I Go” *Natalie Sleeth*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Count Your Blessings” (Choir) *Edwin Excell*

*Doxology #815 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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

Hymn #572 “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture **Exodus 32: 1-14** (pg. 78 O.T.) *Sheryl Cozad*

Philippians 4: 1-9 (pg. 198-199 N.T.)

Matthew 22: 1-4 (pg. 24 N.T.)

Pastor: “This is the Word of our Lord”

All: “Thanks be to God.”

Sermon Song

#658 “Children of God” (responsive reading)

#657 “Cleanse Me” (stanza 1)

#635 “In the Garden” (stanza 1)
Congregation’s Choice

*Hymn #353 “Victory in Jesus” (stanzas 1 & 2)

*Benediction #239 (First prayer in unison)

Postlude #416 “We’re Marching to Zion” (Organ/Piano) *Robert Lowry*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

10/15/2023

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

Women's Group: On Tuesday, October 24, the women will be meeting at noon for lunch, at the Eat'n Park on Elm Rd. Everyone is welcome!

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.

Choir Rehearsal: Rehearsals have started and we invite you come on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. If you love to sing, then we are the group you want to join!

Harvest Sunday: Collection of foods will take place starting this Sunday, October 15-29 with canned goods, November 5-12 will be designated for dry packed foods and toiletries. On November 19, Harvest Sunday, we will take in fresh foods and produce, and following the service that day, the foods will be packed up and delivered to the Warren Family Mission. Your donations will be extremely appreciated as they provide Thanksgiving dinners for so many and add to the Mission's pantry supply.

	10/1/23	10/8/23	10/15/23	10/22/23	10/29/23
Attendance	21	21			
Benevolent	\$ 5.00				
Building Fund	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00			
Current Expenses	\$1,020.00	\$1,174.00			
Floating Five	\$ 105.00	\$ 180.00			
Neighbors In Need	\$ 75.00	\$ 1.00			
Memorial		\$ 300.00			
TOTAL	\$1,255.00	\$1,705.00			

September Income	September Expenditures	September Net
\$3,397.00	\$8,111.03	-\$4,714.03

PRAYER LIST

SHUT-INS

American People	Norma Patchin	Donna Beavers
Joanne Bode	Mary Sabol	Ruth Gilbert
Becky Callahan	Sue Schoch	Betty Howren
Betsy Chapley	Ukraine People	Betty Jamison
Dave Davis	Angie Wiland	Dick Leiby
Rodger Davis	Layes Wood	Marilyn Leiby
East Palestine People		Glenn Mark
Phil Fletcher		Norma Patchin
Gerald Gammon		Sue Schoch
Ruth Gilbert		Bob Spencer
People of Israel		Barb Sponaugle
Dean Mahalick		Angie Wiland
Peggy Marshall		
Larry Mattison		Cozad Family

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, Oct. 18	Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m./Parish News deadline
Tuesday, October 24	Women's Luncheon at noon, Eat'n Park