

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, October 29, 2023

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 "Onward, Christian Soldiers" *Arthur Sullivan/*
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano) *arr. Tedd Smith/Don Hustad*

Greeting

Pastor: "The peace of Christ be with you."

People: "And also with you."

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Gerald Gammon

Stewardship Moment

Bill Paxson

Choral Introit "Love Him, All Ye Little Children"

Carey Bonner

Let us begin our worship today:

*Call to Worship:

Judy Fabian

Leader: Hail, Holy King!

All: We submit ourselves as Your loyal subjects!

Leader: Lord, we await the return of our King and Savior.

All: We seek Your face, and look forward to eternity with You.

Leader: O, Lord Jesus, how we long for Your return to us!

All: May we be worthy of Your forgiveness and rescue.

Leader: Count us among Your deserving and raise us to Heaven..

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

*Hymn #650 "O for a Heart to Praise My God"
(tune: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing")

*Unison Invocation:

All: Great are You, O God! Great is Your love and compassion! We, Your children, seek to please You in all that we do and say. Bless us, O Lord, and strengthen our resolve to be pleasing in Your sight. Help us to stay on the path of righteousness and forgive us our discretions. May we love as You love us. We pray 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 "O come to my heart" *Timothy Matthews*

Anthem

"The Gift of Love"

Hal Hopson

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "My Jesus, I Love Thee" (Choir) *Adoniram Gordon*

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

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

Hymn #495 "Jesus Loves Even Me"

Scripture

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (pg. 547, 548 O.T.) *Judy Fabian*

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (pg. 203 N.T.)

"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46 (pg. 25 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon

"Love as You Are Loved"

Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn

#644 "The Greatest Thing"

*Benediction

Postlude

"This Is My Commandment"

(Organ/Piano)

Anonymous

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10/29/2023

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.

Thought for the Week: Am I loving others as I have been loved by God?

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: John Kunkel

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.

Harvest Sunday: As we continue collecting food, 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.

UPDATE: Angie Wiland currently resides in the Gillette Nursing Home, room 628.

Thank You: Thank you for the wonderful welcoming back! Thank you for the card and gift of money for Pastor Appreciation Day! Thank you for your love and support and the many accolades. (I fear I am unworthy of all of this, but I thank you from my heart for it all!!)

	10/1/23	10/8/23	10/15/23	10/22/23	10/29/23
Attendance	21	21	26		
Benevolent	\$ 5.00				
Building Fund	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00			
Current Expenses	\$1,020.00	\$1,174.00	\$282.00		
Floating Five	\$ 105.00	\$ 180.00	\$125.00		
Neighbors In Need	\$ 75.00	\$ 1.00			
Memorial		\$ 300.00			
TOTAL	\$1,255.00	\$1,705.00	\$407.00		

September Income

\$3,397.00

September Expenditures

\$8,111.03

September Net

-\$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		

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, Nov.1	Men's Fellowship breakfast 9:00 a.m./Choir 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 5	Opening/Coffee Hour/Floating Five
Monday, Nov. 6	Elders/Deacons 6:15 p.m./Consistory 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 8	Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 12	Stewardship Sunday/Recognition of Veterans