

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, September 24, 2023
Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Jim Houston
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 "In God's Garden" *Otis Gruber/arr. Rob Roy*
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano)

Greeting
Leader: "The peace of Christ be with you."
People: "And also with you."

Welcome and Announcements Sharon Longworth

Let us begin our worship today:

*Call to Worship: Sharon Longworth

Leader: Open your hearts to God's loving mercy.

All: Lord, come into our hearts this day.

Leader: Having received God's mercy, bring that love to others.

All: Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in compassion.

Leaders: Feel your spirits filled with God's goodness.

All: Lord, we thank You for the many blessings which You have poured into our lives. Amen.

*Hymn #139 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Unison Invocation:

All: As we sing our praise to You, O Lord, we remember the multitude of blessings You have given us. We are mindful of the ways You have lifted us when we have fallen low. Be with us, this day, as we gather to hear Your Word for our lives. 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 "Only Believe" *Paul Rader*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory "God Will Take Care of You" (Organ/Piano) *Martin Stillman*
Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Apostles Creed (May be found in the back cover of the hymnal)
Hymn #617 "Near to the Heart of God"

Scripture **Exodus 16: 2-15**(pg. 62-63 O.T.) Sharon Longworth
Philippians 1: 21-30 (pg. 196-197 O.T.)
Gospel **Matthew 20: 1-16** (pg. 21-22 N.T.)
Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"
All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon Rev. Jim Houston

*Hymn #235 "Take the Name of Jesus with You"

*Benediction

Postlude "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" *Peter Bilhorn*
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9/24/2023

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: Judy Fabian

Our guest minister for October 1 will be Rev. Marvin Barney.

Please pickup your October Parish News in the lobby.

Hello! I know it may be difficult to believe, because it happens so rarely, I am at a loss of words. All I can come up with is THANK YOU for all of your cards, texts, etc. and the love and support that comes with them all. I truly believe that it is your prayerful support that has made my recovery bearable, I thank you so much for it all! – Pastor Gerry

School Supplies: We are collecting school supplies again this year and a list of suggestions has been posted in the lobby. Please bring in new items as you acquire them and put them in the container provided. Thank you for your support!

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!

	9/3/23	9/10/23	9/17/23	9/24/23
Attendance	18	21	17	
Benevolent				
Building Fund	\$ 5.00			
Current Expenses	\$555.00	\$761.00	\$476.00	
Floating Five	\$ 15.00	\$120.00	\$150.00	
Flowers				
Memorial Fund	\$200.00			
TOTAL	\$775.00	\$881.00	\$626.00	

August Income	August Expenditures	August Net
\$4,259.00	\$6,012.46	-\$1,753.46

PRAYER LIST

SHUT-INS

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, Oct. 1	Floating Five/World Communion/Neighbors in Need
Monday, Oct. 2	Elders/Deacons mtg. 6:15 p.m./Consistory 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 4	Men's Fellowship breakfast 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 4	Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 11	Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 18	Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m./Parish News deadline