

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, September 26, 2021
Sunday School 9:30 a.m./Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

(*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 “Jesus Is All the World to Me” *Will Thompson/arr. D. Smither*
(Piano/Organ)

(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 as we join in the Call to Worship:

*Call to Worship: Judy Fabian

Leader: Christ Jesus, our burdens sometimes lead us astray from You.

All: Help us to stay focused on You at all times.

Leader: Lord, You are the source of all joy and happiness.

All: As members of Your earthly body, may we bring joy to others.

Leader: O Jesus, we love You! Though we may sometimes wander from You.

All: Give us the strength to come back home to You no matter how far we stray.

Leader: You are the shepherd, and we are Your flock. Save us, O Lord, from our own misguided ways.

All: May we always find our way back to You, O Lord. We pray in Your name, amen.

Hymn #16 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

*Unison Invocation:

All: God of Gods, Creator of all things, You have seen fit to call us Your own. Help us to be worthy of such a calling and guide us through this life so we may

experience eternity with You. Help us to be a beacon to those that are lost and searching for truth. May we be good stewards of Your love and compassion, may we feed the hungry soul, and may we lead others to You through Jesus Christ. We pray in His name, amen.

Gloria Patri #812 “Glory Be to the Father”

Special Music “We Shall Behold Him” *Dottie Rambo*
Soloist: Judy Fabian

Joys and Concerns

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (debt and debtors)

Prayer Response #340 “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” *Helen Lemmel*

Offering Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Jesus Medley”

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

Hymn #479 “Softly and Tenderly”

Scripture **Psalm 124:1-8** (pg. 572 O.T.) Judy Fabian

Scripture **James 5:13-20** (pg. 231-232 N.T.)

Sermon “Come Home to Jesus” Rev. Gerald Gammon

Hymn #592 “Jesus Calls Us”

*Benediction

Postlude “Jesus Is Calling” *George Stebbins/arr. David Smither*

Thank you Judy Fabian for serving today in church as liturgist, lay reader, and soloist. We thank you, Judy, for your time, talent, and willingness to serve.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

9/26/21

If you want to put someone on the prayer chain or prayer list, you must call the church office or fill out a prayer card in church.

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Craig Cozad

Thought for the week: “Have I wandered away from Jesus?”

Parish News: Please pick up your October copy in the lounge.

Choir Practice: Choir Practice has begun and we meet on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. We are always looking for singers. Please come and join us. All are welcome!

Communion Preparation: Preparing communion is an honor and a privilege that we should all participate in at one time or another. Please look over the Communion Schedule for 2021-2022 and choose a Sunday service when you can prepare the elements.

Back to School!: It’s that time again! We are collecting school supplies. A list of suggestions has been posted in the lobby. Please bring in items as you acquire them and put them in the container provided. We thank you for supporting this effort!

Altar Flowers: If you would like to order flowers to be put on the altar in remembrance of a loved one, the price is \$30 for two vases or \$15 each. If you order flowers for Sunday, you are now responsible for disposal/disbursement of those flowers. See Karen Fumerola if you have questions about containers, flower book, etc.

Neighbors in Need: A special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. In 2021, Neighbors in Need “Unfailing Love” offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects in their communities. Next Sunday we will be collecting donations.

	9/5/21	9/12/21	9/19/21	9/26/21
Attendance	25	33	34	
Benevolent	\$ 55.00			
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$580.00	\$934.00	\$838.00	
Floating Five	\$126.25	\$230.00	\$120.00	
Flowers				
Hall Rental	\$100.00			
WFM				
Someplace Safe	\$100.00			
TOTAL	\$961.25	\$1164.00	\$958.00	

PRAYER LIST

William Anderson	Peggy Marshall
Donna Beavers	Mary Sabol
Betsy Chapley	Merideth & Adam Smith
Beverly DeSavigny	Bob Spencer
Beverly Gammon	Barb Sponaule
Ruth Gilbert	Vicky Town
Marilyn Grounds	Marna Williams
Charlie Grounds	Andrew Youngblood
Betty Jamison	Michele Youngblood

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed., September 29	Choir Rehearsal @6:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 3	World Communion/Neighbors in Need/Floating Five
Monday, October 4	Deacons/Elders @6:15 p.m./Consistory @7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 5	Men’s Fellowship breakfast @9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 5	Choir Rehearsal @6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 13	Choir Rehearsal @6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 14	Parish news deadline