

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

**Worship Service 10:00 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 "It Took a Miracle" *John Peterson*  
(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: John Kunkel

Leader: Almighty God, we humbly ask for Your favor upon our labors.

**All: May the work we perform bring glory to Your name.**

Leader: As we toil in this life, may we be mindful of those that have gone before us.

**All: And may we set an example for those who will come after us.**

Leader: Let our labors not be in vain, and help us to do every task with You in our hearts.

**All: We give You thanks for the tools to do our work, and the fortitude to perform well.**

Leader: Be with us always and keep us true to our faith in Christ as He was faithful to You.

**All: We ask in His most holy name, amen.**

Hymn #406 "Wonderful Words of Life"

\*Unison Invocation:

All: Father in heaven, we seek Your love and favor in all we do. Bless us, O Lord, with sound judgement and the ability to perform the tasks needed to further Your will and plan. May we be good instruments of Your love, and may we perform our tasks knowing that You are with us always. Let us be mindful

that no matter how we labor, the results are for You. We submit ourselves and all that we do to You, O God, 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 #580 "Through It All" *André Crouch*

Offering Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You" *William Gaither*

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

Hymn #660 "I Will Serve Thee"

Scripture **Isaiah 35:4-7a** (pg. 663 O.T.) John Kunkel

Scripture **Mark 7:24-37** (pg. 42-43 N.T.)

Sermon "Even Miracles Take Effort" Rev. Gerald Gammon

Hymn #676 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

\*Benediction

Postlude "Work, for the Night is Coming" *Lowell Mason*

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Guest Organist: Barbara Edwards

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

9/5/21

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: Sharon Longworth

**Thought for the week:** “How does my work glorify the Lord?”

**Next Sunday, September 12, we start at 10:45 a.m.**

**Sunday School:** Sunday School will be returning on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. We will begin with Opening in the sanctuary and coffee hour in the lounge. All are welcome to join us. Hope to see you on Sunday mornings.

**Floating Five:** Today’s “loose offering (coins or cash)” will go to the Floating Five food vouchers. If you choose to write a check, please put it in an envelope and mark the envelope “Floating Five”. Thank you for your support!

**Thanks:** Thank you to all who helped make this year’s picnic a success! The Deacons did another wonderful job! Hopefully, all who attended enjoyed themselves. Thank you again!

**Choir Practice:** Choir Practice will begin again on Wednesday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

**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.

**Thanks:** Thank you all for your prayers and concerns during this difficult time.  
*Family of James Fumerola*

	8/1/21	8/8/21	8/15/21	8/22/21	8/29/21
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>22</b>
Benevolent	\$ 55.00				
Building Fund					
Current Expenses	\$1,368.00	\$1,215.00	\$566.00	\$635.00	\$ 835.00
Floating Five	\$ 167.00	\$ 120.00	\$110.00	\$120.00	\$ 125.00
Flowers			\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00	
Memorial Fund			\$ 50.00		
WFM	\$ 120.00				
Donation					\$5,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,710.00</b>	<b>\$1,335.00</b>	<b>\$786.00</b>	<b>\$785.00</b>	<b>\$5,960.00</b>

### PRAYER LIST

William Anderson	Bob Spencer
Donna Beavers	Barb Sponaugle
Betsy Chapley	Vicky Town
Charlie Cope	Marna Williams
Charles Grounds	Andrew Youngblood
Betty Jamison	Michele Youngblood
Mary Sabol	

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, September 5	Floating Five collection
Monday, September 6	Labor Day—OFFICE CLOSED
Wed., September 8	Choir Practice @7:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 12	Opening/Sunday School @9:30 a.m./Worship @10:45
Monday, September 13	Elders/Deacons @6:15 p.m./Consistory @7:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 16	Parish News deadline