

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, July 7, 2024

Worship Service 11:00 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. We also ask that you refrain from conversation during our service.

Prelude "Mines Eyes Have Seen the Glory" *William Steffe/
Robert Hughes*
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano)

Greeting
Liturgist: "The peace of Christ be with you." Sharon Longworth
People: "And also with you."

Welcome and Announcements

Let us begin our worship today:

*Call to Worship:

Leader: You awaken the sun, O God, to guide us into the new day.

People: Your name, O God, like Your praise, sings in every person.

Leader: You speak Your Word, O God, to guide us into Your kingdom.

People: Your hope, O God, like Your joy, echoes in every soul.

Leader: You guide us to those who are looking for you.

People: Your love, O God, like Your name, fills the emptiness of every heart. Amen.

*Hymn #21 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*Unison Invocation:

The rumbling of thunder in the distance, the shade of an oak tree in the back yard, the laughter of children splashing in the pool, stars glittering on a moonless night: all the gifts of the universe fill us with delight in every moment.

Great is Your imagination, Creation's Joy! Broken, You touch us you touch us to make us whole; tear-stained, you share our pain and struggles; gifter of peace, You replace our bitterness with hope; teacher of gentle words, You transform our unbelief into service. Great is Your love, Christ, Companion of all people! Making hardened hearts as soft as a baby's breath; turning stiffened necks so we can see the poor; placing wandering feet back on the path of discipleship. Great is Your compassion, Spirit of Grace. God in Community, Holy in One, we lift our prayers to You this morning in praise and wonder. 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 #532 "Only Believe" *Paul Rader*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory "My Savior's Love" *Charles Gabriel*
*Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Apostles Creed
Hymn #563 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

Scripture **2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10** (pg. 279 O.T.) Sharon Longworth
Scripture **2 Corinthians 12: 2-10** (pg. 185-186 N.T.)
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **Mark 6: 1-13**(pg. 40 N.T.)
Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"
All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Smartphones and SUV's" Rev. Steve Brown

*Hymn #564 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

*Benediction

Postlude "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" Ernest Nichol
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

07/07/2024

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

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!

Summer Hours: Worship will remain at the 11:00 a.m. time due to scheduling conflicts.

Annual Church Picnic: Saturday, August 24, 2024, from noon to 4:00 p.m., at the **Lake Park Pavilion** in Howland Township Park. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship! Please plan on bringing a covered dish, your own place settings, chairs, and games for all ages to play. Everyone is welcome! A sign-up sheet will be in the lobby at the beginning of August.

Toy Drive: We are once again holding our Toy Drive from now until the end of November 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.

Thank You: Thank you to the choir for the gorgeous flowers. They were a wonderful surprise!
Barbara Edwards

Thank You: Thanks to the congregation for the gas card, and to the choir for the beautiful hanging basket!
Karen Fumerola

	6/2/24	6/9/24	6/16/24	6/23/24	6/30/24
Attendance	24	26	22	31	31
Benevolence	\$ 5.00	\$ 50.00			
Building Fund					
Current Expenses	\$665.00	\$1,142.00	\$590.00	\$658.00	\$550.00
Floating Five	\$ 20.00	\$ 170.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$225.00
Flowers			\$ 50.00		
TOTAL	\$690.00	\$1,362.00	\$760.00	\$778.00	\$775.00

May Income	May Expenditures	May Net
\$3,282.00	\$7,454.97	-\$4,172.97

Prayer List

Shut-in

Becky Callahan	Diane Lemasters	Donna Beavers
Jerry Currie	Denise Long	Ruth Gilbert
Rodger Davis	Dean Mahalick	Betty Howren
Steve Doracin	Peggy Marshall	Dick Leiby
Barb Edwards	Larry Mattison	Marilyn Leiby
Phil Fletcher	Norma Patchin	Glenn Mark
Donald Gammon	Carter Plott	Norma Patchin
Erika Gammon	Mary Sabol	Barb Sponaugle
Gerald Gammon	Joe Vugrincic	
Wesley Gault	Kathyryn Vugrincic	
Ruth Gilbert	Layes Wood	
Dick Leiby	Hailee	
Marilyn Leiby		
Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world		

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, July 7	Floating Five
Sunday, July 14	Rev. Jim Houston
Thursday, July 18	Parish News deadline
Sunday, July 21	Rev. Jim Houston