

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Organist - Deb Schwitzer

Liturgist - Barb Cary

Greeters - Larry Hanon, David Swan, Jared & Whitney Gehrs

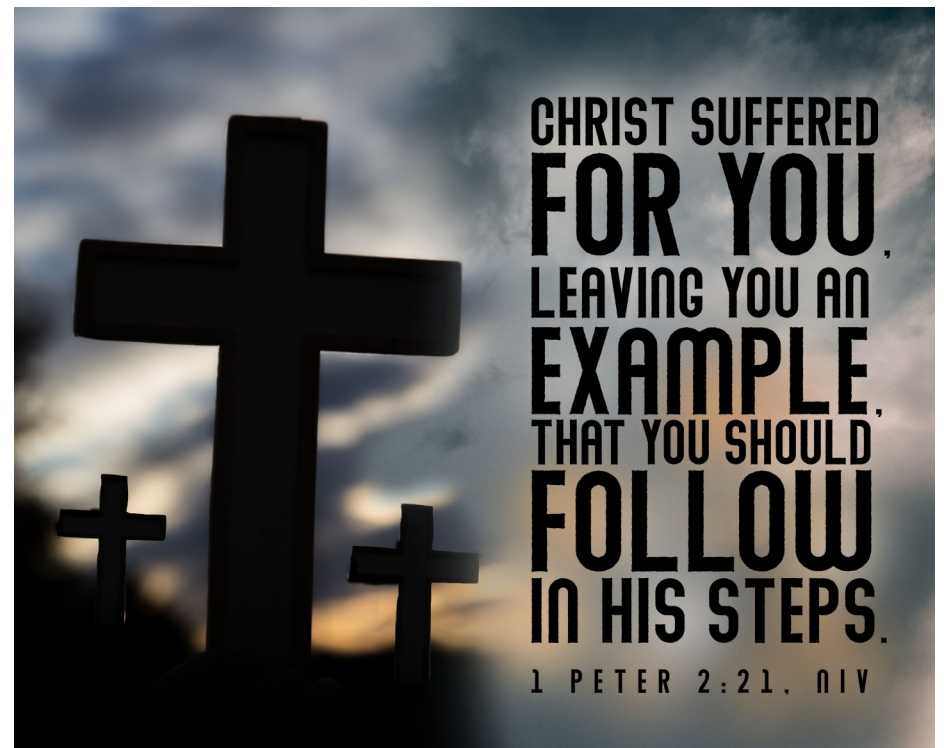
Ushers - Bill Schwitzer & Bruce Cary

Ministers of First UCC are its members

Assisting them is Rev. Kerri Sandusky

## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon., April 27	9:45 a.m.	High School Choir Rehearsal
Tues., April 28	9:45 a.m.	High School Choir Rehearsal
Wed., April 29	9:45 a.m.	High School Choir Rehearsal
	5:30 p.m.	Radiate Youth Group (6th—8th grade)
	6:15 p.m.	Dinner for Radiate Youth Group
	6:45 p.m.	Radiate Youth Group (9th—12th grade)
Thurs., April 30	9:45 a.m.	High School Choir Rehearsal
	5 p.m.	AA Meeting
Fri., May 1	7:50 a.m.	First Friday, parking lot
	10 a.m.	May Day basket assembly
	9:45 a.m.	High School Choir Rehearsal
Sat., May 2	8 a.m.	Book Study, Fireside Room
Sun., May 3	9 a.m.	Sunday School (PreK—5th grade)
	9 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10 a.m.	Worship



**April 26, 2026 10:00 a.m.**

**Welcome to First United Church of Christ**

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*We are pleased you have decided to worship with us today!*

*Hearing assistance is available; ask an usher for a receiver.*

*The offering plate is located on the small table outside of the sanctuary*



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*\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

L: In Your Mercy,           **P: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of Christ be with you,   **P: And also with you!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.**

**\*HYMN 493**           “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE READING**           Psalm 23

**\*HYMN #252**           “Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

**SCRIPTURE READING**           1 Peter 2: 19-25

For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L: The Word of our Lord           **P: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**                   “Jesus Shows Us How”

**\*HYMN**                   “Gratitude”                   Brandon Lake

All my words fall short I've got nothing new  
How could I express All my gratitude?  
I could sing these songs As I often do  
But every song must end And You never do

So I throw up my hands And praise You again and again  
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah Hallelujah  
And I know it's not much But I've nothing else fit for a King  
Except for a heart singing hallelujah Hallelujah

I've got one response I've got just one move  
With my arms stretched wide I will worship You

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So come on, my soul Oh, don't you get shy on me  
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**\*BENEDICTION**                   “*The Blessing*”                   Jobe, Carnes

**The Lord bless you, and keep you; make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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