

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor  
Easter Sunday and Holy Communion  
Kelly Meath, Lay Reader

April 4, 2021

Worship 10:30 AM

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

melody by George Elvey, arranged by David Angerman

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

A joyous mystery gathers us together.

**We come to hear again the news.**

So listen, friends: The tomb that was sealed now is open.

**The grip of all that would box life in, is broken.**

The grave that was full now, is empty.

**The power of all that would fill life with despair, is drained.**

The one who was dead now lives again.

**The life-renewing power of love is loose in the world.**

God's power of new life works among us.

**We, too, can rise from the dark tomb of sorrow, the icy hold of fear, the sure death of not caring. We, too, can rise to life, even as praise rises within us: Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

HYMN # 288 *Christ The Lord is Risen Today* (vs 1 & 4)

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!**

**All creation, join to say Alleluia!**

**Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!**

**Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!**

**Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!**

**Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!**

**Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!**

INVOCATION (in unison)

**Teacher and Healer, you brought the gift of yourself to those who benefitted from your work. You touched them with wellsprings of love. Remind me each day to do the same. Consecrate all I do today so my service to others brings a blessing. I open the door of my heart to you. I open the door. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

\*GLORIA PATRI

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

*Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON

*Mark 16: 1-8*

HYMN # 312 *Christ is Alive!* (vs 1, 2 & 5)

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.**

**The cross stands empty to the sky.**

**Let streets and homes with praises ring.**

**Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.**

**Christ is alive and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age;  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION

*Beyond the Door*

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright* from Puer Nobis  
adapted by Michael Praetorius, arr. by Cathy Moglebust

**Bell Choir:** *Carol Benner, Kelly Meath, Stu Gillim, Laura Gillim, Chris & Lynn Sohn,  
Meredith McCaughey & Elaine Hilton; Directed by Pam McGuire*

\*The Doxology #34

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**We consecrate all we have brought to share, that the message of today may spread through the streets and across the lands, beginning within these walls and bursting out for all the world to hear and observe. May the glad songs motivate practical ministries. As forgiven and forgiving people, we take new life into the marketplace,**

into our jobs and schools, into our social life and leisure hours. May all we offer express true thankfulness. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN # 698 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (v 1 & 3)

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Emmanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table, Consecration and Sharing of the Bread and Cup

HYMN # 293 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* (vs 1 & 2)

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!  
Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:  
all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding,  
see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding  
bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits  
from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning.  
See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection,  
not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion.  
Joy and peace shall never end.**

BENEDICTION

EASTER MUSIC

*Hallelujah Chorus*

POSTLUDE *Now Let All Loudly Praise the Lord* by Matthaues A. Von Lowenstern;  
arranged by Healey Willan

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## We're a Different Kind of Church

- ❖ We value and respect diversity in the ways we express our faith.
- ❖ We enjoy thoughtful dialogue about faith issues.
- ❖ We encourage each other to work for justice and to care for people in need in our community and in our world.

***Our Hymn Leaders for today are Dan & Edie Rice.***

*Call to Worship adapted and reprinted from Breathing New Life Into Lent, V. 3, Pritchard, McKinstry & Powers; Invocation adapted and reprinted from Open Door, by Joyce Rupp; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Led by Love by Lavon Bayler*

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

***Happy Birthday***

April 4 – Jeanne Hollenbeck

April 8 – Edie Rice

April 9 – Roger Morse

***Prayer List***

**Ancy** (Fred Henry's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Brad Bliss; Marjorie Case; Cheryl** (Jennifer Maxfield's sister-in-law); **Judy Clark** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' and Elaine Hilton's friend); **Cathy Coots; Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Julie English** (Janet & Kim Tenreiro's friend); **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Jerry Gomez** (Kathi Nacca's friend); **Carin Herren; Peter Ingalls** (Jean Ingall's son); **Jim and Carolyn** (Amy Ogden's friends); **Jim & Melody** (Don & Marilyn DeSmith's friends); **The King Family** (Fred Henry's friends); **Jim Kolesar** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Sue Kotalik; Jan Larsen** (Dawn's mother); **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Jack Radley's friend); **Lynn** (Joan Ryan's friend); **Eileen McCarthy** (Carla DeMeco & Betsy Dresser's friend); **Sally Mueller; Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); **Norman** (Jennifer Maxfield's uncle); **Paris and Kira** (Friends of Fred Henry); **Pia** (Jim & Connie Malone's friend); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack Radley; Don Raw, Sr.; Sara** (Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Smith/Dworetzky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Pat Smith; Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Sally Stowell** (Alice Berry's mother); **Walker** (Don & Dorice Raw's friend); **Tom Wallace** (Jackie Lowe's significant other); **Kathy Ward; Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Robin Wisniewski** (Alicia's mom); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's daughter in law)

***Calendar***

Sunday April 4 – Easter Sunday Worship 10:30 Live stream; hybrid Sunday School

Monday April 5 - Study Grp 9:00; Study Grp 5:00

Tues. April 6 - Study Grp 9:00

Wed. April 7 - Study Grp 9:00; TOPS 10:00

Friday April 9 – Live Stream Practice 4:30

Sunday April 11 - Worship Live Stream 10:30; hybrid Sunday School; Congregational Life 11:45 Zoom

Monday April 12 – Study Grp 9:00; Trustees 4:00 Zoom; Study Grp 5:00

Tues. April 13 – Study Grp 9:00; Rughookers 10:00; SCR Grp A 10:30 Zoom; SCR Grp C 1:00 Zoom

Wed. April 14 – Study Grp 9:00; TOPS 10:00

Thurs. April 15 - SCR Grp B 10:30 Zoom; SCR Grp D 7:00 Zoom

Friday April 16 – Live Stream Practice 5:30

Sunday April 18 - Worship 10:30 In Person & Live stream; hybrid Sunday School