

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Jean Landes, Lay Reader

August 8, 2021

Worship 9:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Panis Angelicus (Bread of Heaven)* C. Franck

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Spirit of God, brooding over the waters of our chaos, inspire us to generous living.

People: Wind of God, dancing over the desert of our reluctance, lead us to the oasis of celebration.

Leader: Breath of God, inspiring communication among strangers, make us channels of your peace,

People: that we may give in deep thankfulness, placing the overflowing basket of our gifts on the table of rejoicing.

*HYMN #501 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

INVOCATION

God of spirit and flesh, God of heaven and earth, God of grape and grain, we spread our wings in flight toward you. We stretch our arms in need of you. We feed ourselves with gifts from you. We thank you for our love poured out as we sense your Spirit shining in the sunlight, sailing on the summer wind, and singing in the souls of each one gathered here. Recreate us in your image as we encounter you today, that our lives might ignite a love to light the world, where despair drips on drowning dreams, and where heavy hearts shiver in lonely cold. Let your presence pressing through us infuse the world with joy we pray, Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Psalms 34:1-8*

*HYMN # 422 *Amazing Grace*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *John 6:35, 41-51*

SERMON *Bread of Life* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC *Bach Cello Suite #4--Sarabande* arr by Doug Yeo; Matt Bond

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for your continued providence, even when we complain. Thank you for the living bread, Jesus Christ, who feeds our spirits. In gratitude for undeserved grace and unlimited opportunity, we dedicate our offering and ourselves. Let our talk and our resources build up the body of Christ for greater service. May the needs of many be addressed in ways that bring hope, grace, and love to your children. Amen.

*HYMN #698 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Dale Wood

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

Call to Worship reprinted from The Green Heart of the Snowdrop by Kate McIlhagga; Invocation reprinted from Touch Holliness by Ruth Duck & Maren Tirabassi; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Led By Love by Lavon Bayler

***Ushers This Morning: Jay Garrett-Larsen, Mike and Nancy Parsons, Kathy Ward
Live Stream This Morning: Matt Berry***

Happy Birthday

Aug 8 David Marsh & Rhonda Nyerges

Aug 11 Milan Kutner

Aug 9 JoAnn Reed

Aug 12 Barb Sarkis

Aug 10 Guy Burns & Pam McGuire

Aug 14 Erich Rudolph

Prayer List

Ancy & Kira (Fred Henry's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Keith Blaker**; **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); **Betsy Dresser**; **Julie English** (Janet & Kim Tenreiro's friend); **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Bob Graumann** (Don DeSmith's friend); **Carin Herren**; **Peter Ingalls** (Jean Ingall's son); **Jim and Carolyn** (Amy Ogden's friends); **Jim & Melody** (Don & Marilyn DeSmith's friends); **Family of Dennis Kllermeyer** (Nancy Parson's brother); **Jim Kolesar** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Sue Kotalik**; **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Jack Radley's friend); **Lynn** (Joan Ryan's friend); **Betty Lyon**; **Eileen McCarthy** (Carla DeMeco & Betsy Dresser's friend); **Donald Morgan** (George Herren's friend); **Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); **Norman** (Jennifer Maxfield's uncle); **Pia** (Jim & Connie Malone's friend); **Nancy Parsons** (at the loss of her brother); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack Radley**; **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Sara** (Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Smith/Dworetsky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **John Spare**; **Sara Szrama** (Sally Mueller's granddaughter); **Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's daughter in law)

Calendar

Sun Aug 8 - Worship In Person & Live stream 9:30
Mon Aug 9 – Memorial for John Spare 10:00
Tues Aug 10 - Men's Grp 8:00; Rughookers 10:00
Wed Aug 11 – TOPS 10:00
Sun Aug 15 - Worship In Person & Live stream 9:30
Mon Aug 16 - Trustees 4:00
Tues Aug 17 - Men's Grp 8:00; Rughookers 10:00; Council 7:00
Wed Aug 18 – TOPS 10:00
Thurs Aug 19 – Staff Meeting 10:00
Sat Aug 21 – Memorial Service (Private) 10:00
Sun Aug 22 - Worship In Person & Live stream 9:30; Denise Off

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- ❖ 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.