

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Second Sunday of Easter
Jim DeMay, Lay Reader**

April 16, 2023

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright* Dale Wood

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ has risen

People: Christ has risen indeed

Leader: God is alive...

People: new birth is given

Leader: Hope is alive...

People: a new age is dawning

Leader: Joy is alive...

People: redemption is here

Leader: Love is alive...

People: death cannot harm us

Leader: We are alive...

People: new life is within us

Leader: The church is alive...

People: God's Spirit is within us. God of life, we worship you. God of creation, we praise you. God of revelation, we learn from you. God of resurrection, we are here to celebrate you.

*HYMN # 295 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

*INVOCATION

Sometimes we go looking for God and sometimes we find God. Far better to let God find us since God is always looking. The real art is in discerning when God is right under your nose: familiar yet surprising, comforting yet unexpected. No wonder Easter is life-changing! Amen.

*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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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ANTHEM *Praise! Rejoice in God* Eugene Butler

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Psalm 16* Pg # 480

*HYMN # 313 *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *John 20: 19-31* Pg # 107

SERMON *You've Got to be Kidding* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, by whose example giving is a blessed way of life, fill us now with the exultant joy of your love, which is more precious than gold. May we be bold to proclaim the glorious good news of salvation, with glad hearts and with deep and genuine trust. Grant us the opportunity, though these gifts and in our daily living, to lead others to a life-affirming faith, in Christ's name. Amen.

*HYMN # 298 *The Day of Resurrection*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *This Joyful Eastertide* David Lasky

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

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***Greeters This Morning:** Jeanne Hollenbeck, Jackie Lowe, Judy Holcomb
Ushers This Morning: Kurt & Adeline Rudolph, Bonnie Maguire, Tim Schneider
Live Stream This Morning: John Maguire
Coffee Hour Host: Public Image Committee*



If you are visiting with us, welcome!
Please fill out a green card and place it in the offering plate.
If you would like to use our hearing assistance system please see an usher.

Happy Birthday

April 16 Daisy Case ~ Debbie Wilbur
April 17 Jean Davis ~ Don Payne
April 18 Brian Case ~ Jessica Casellas
April 20 Samantha Podgers
April 21 Tom Herbek
April 22 Sheila Reynolds ~ Molly Dutcher

Prayer List

Ancy & Family (Fred Henry's friend); **Carol Birx** (friend of the Casellas Family); **Marjorie Case**; **Cheryl** (Jennifer Maxfield's sister-in-law); **Judy Clark** (friend of the Casellas Family); **Abby Coons** (Carl & JoAnn Reed's friend); **Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Jerry Diver**; **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Peter Hammer** (Jim DeMay's brother-in-law); **Carin Herren**; **Barb Iglewski**; **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik**; **Ron & Lu Krahl**; **Michelle List**; (friend of Joann Reed); **Dennis Maxfield**; **Paul** (Dennis Maxfield's brother) ; **Frank McAlpin** (Patrick McAlpin's father); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick & Cindy Mullen and George Herren's friend); **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Connie Sunshine** (cousin of Cheryl Bootes); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Jim Ziegler**

Calendar

Mon Apr 17	4:00	Pastor Parish
Tue Apr 18	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers/Hayes Room
	10:30	Literacy Volunteers/Social Room
	7:00	Council/Zoom
Wed Apr 19	10:00	TOPS/Downstairs Room
	6:00	Handbell Rehearsal/Hayes Room
Thu Apr 20	10:00	Literacy Volunteers
	4:00	Staff Meeting/Hayes Room
Fri Apr 21		Confirmation Class Overnight
Sat Apr 22		Earth Day Celebration
	3:00	Betty Schrader Graveside Service
Sun Apr 23	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday School
	11:45	Social Action Committee

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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.**