

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor**

Easter Sunday
Alyssa Maxfield, Lay Reader

April 17, 2022

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *There is a Glory* arr. Alexandre Guilmant

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day:

People: When tears are wiped away, shattered hearts are mended, fears are replaced with joy.

Leader: This is the day:

People: When the Lord rolls away the stone of fear, throws off death's clothes, goes ahead of us into God's future

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made:

People: Death has no fear for us; sin has lost its power over us. God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.

Leader: This is the day – Easter Day!

People: Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

*HYMN # 288 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

*INVOCATION

Risen Christ, hear the prayer of my heart not the full confusion of my mind. Hear the tears I will not shed, the grief I hide in busyness, and bring your resurrection love weaving new life. Risen Christ, hear the prayer of my heart not the words of foolish boasting. Hear the doubts within my soul, dark denials freezing action, and shine your resurrection light revealing new life. Risen Christ, hear the prayer of my heart not the fear I hide behind. Hear the longing for a fairer world, for God's justice and compassion, and bring your resurrection power enabling new life. We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. 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.

*GLORIA PATRI # 734

ANTHEM *The Hallelujah Chorus* G. F. Handel

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Isaiah 65: 17-25* Pg. 656

*HYMN # 293 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *John 20: 1-18* Pg. 107

SERMON *It's Empty!* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Christ Arose* arr. Albin C., Whitworth

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for resurrection. We rejoice in Christ as the first fruits of all that you make available to us. As you offered Christ to the world, so we would offer ourselves. May we, along with our gifts, testify to the good news of your forgiving love and empowering acceptance. Amen.

*HYMN # 298 *The Day of Resurrection*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Now Let All Loudly* sett. Healey Willan

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

Call to Worship and Invocation reprinted from Fire and Bread by Ruth Burgess; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Gathered by Love by Lavon Bayler

*Greeters This Morning: Jean Landes, Jim & Elaine Hilton
Ushers This Morning: Guy Burns, Tim Schneider, Bonnie Maguire, Marianne Timms
Live Stream This Morning: John Maguire*

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.

Please join us for social hour on front portico following service.

Happy Birthday

April 17 Jean Davis ~ Don Payne
April 18 Brian Case ~ Jessica Casellas
April 20 Samantha Eddinger
April 21 Tom Herbek
April 22 Sheila Reynolds ~ Molly Dutcher

Prayer List

Ancy & Kira (Fred Henry's friend); **Keith Blaker**; **Marjorie Case**; **Cheryl** (Jennifer Maxfield's sister-in-law); **Judy Clark** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' and Elaine Hilton's friend); **Cathy Coots**; **Corrine** (Denise & Scott's sister); **Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Marilyn DeSmith**; **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Carin Herren**; **Mara Huberlie**; **Barb Iglewski**; **Peter Ingalls** (Jean Ingall's son); **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik**; **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Jack Radley's friend); **Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); **Norman** (Jennifer Maxfield's uncle); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack Radley**; **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Don Raw, Jr.**; **Sara** (Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Smith/Dworetsky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Robin Wisniewski** (Alicia Francis' mom); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason and Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son and daughter); **Jim Ziegler**

Calendar

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| Tue Apr 19 | 8:00 | Men's Group |
| | 10:00 | Rug Hookers |
| | 7:00 | Council/Zoom |
| Thu Apr 21 | 1:30-2:30 | Ontario Co Historical Society Walking Tour of N Main St Churches |
| Sat Apr 23 | 10:00-12:00 | Celebrating Our Earth |
| Sun Apr 24 | | (No Choir Rehearsal) Intergenerational Choir Sings |
| | 10:30 | Worship In Person & Live Stream, Sunday School |
| | 11:45 | Safety Team Meeting |
| Mon Apr 25 | 7:00 | FLCC Camerata Rehearsal/Chapel |
| Tue Apr 26 | 8:00 | Men's Group |
| | 10:00 | Rug Hookers |
| Thu Apr 28 | 12:30 | Ladies Luncheon at Ray's Restaurant |
| Sat Apr 30 | 9:00-12:00 | GVA Spring Assembly/Sanctuary |
| | 3:00 | FLCC Camerata/Chapel |