

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

Palm Sunday

Jay Garrett-Larsen, Debbie Lyon, Kay Michelinie,
and Edie & Dan Rice, Lay Readers

April 2, 2023

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS, WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On Palm Sunday so many years ago, the people saw Jesus and asked,

People: Who is this?

Leader: So in worship, we respond. In worship, we declare:

People: Jesus is the alpha and omega.

Leader: Jesus is our teacher and preacher.

People: Jesus is a miracle worker and healer.

Leader: Jesus is our source of love.

People: Jesus is our path in the wilderness.

Leader: So may we lay down our hearts like they laid down their coats.

People: Let us worship Holy God!

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 21: 1-11*

OPENING LITANY *Congregational question "Who Is This?"*

PALM PROCESSION AND TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

*HYMN #265 *All Glory Laud and Honor*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIR *Sanna, Sannanina (Hosanna)*

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 21: 12-13*

DRAMATIC READING *The Woman In the Temple* Kay Michelinie

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God—for all the things we try to hide from you, forgive us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 21: 23*

DRAMATIC READING *A Pharisee* Debbie Lyon

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 26: 6-13*

DRAMATIC READING *The Woman With the Alabaster Jar* Edie Rice

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Give Me Jesus* Soloist: Amy Ogden

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, when we hide away our treasure in cupboards for ourselves—forgive us. Inspire us to be as gracious as the woman with the alabaster jar. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 26: 14-16*

DRAMATIC READING *Judas* Jay Garrett-Larsen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table, Consecration, and Sharing of the Bread and Cup, Thanksgiving
(The communion bread is gluten and nut free so that all may partake together)

*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.

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 26: 36-47*

DRAMATIC READING *Disciple in the Garden of Gethsemane* Dan Rice

*HYMN # 257 *What Wondrous Love Is This?*

CLOSING LITANY *Congregational question "Who Is He?"*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

*Call to Worship and Invocation adapted and reprinted from Sanctified Arts, Sarah Are;
Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2 by Lavon Bayler*

***Greeters This Morning:** Marilyn Clary, Judy White, Betsy Gillim
Ushers This Morning: Dan Casellas, Jean Ingalls, Jean Landes, Tim Schneider
Live Stream This Morning: Matt Berry
Coffee Hour Host: Worship Committee: Debbie Wilbur & Heidi Schwarz*



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 2 Hannah Blaker
April 3 Ron Krahl
April 4 Jeanne Hollenbeck
April 8 Edie Rice

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); **Marilyn DeSmith**; **Jerry Diver**; **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Carin Herren**; **Barb Iglewski**; **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik**; **Ron & Lu Krahl**; **Dennis Maxfield**; **Paul** (Dennis Maxfield's brother) ; **Frank McAlpin** (Patrick McAlpin's father); **Sally Mueller**, **Norine** (Marilyn DeSmith's friend); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Connie Sunshine** (cousin of Cheryl Bootes); **Robin Wisniewski** (Alicia Francis' mom); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Jim Ziegler**

Calendar

Sun Apr 2		<i>Palm Sunday ~ Communion</i>
	11:45	Deacon's Meeting
Mon Apr 3	3:00	Called to Care/Hayes Room
Tue Apr 4	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers/Hayes Room
	10:30	Literacy Volunteers/Social Room
Wed Apr 5	10:00	TOPS/Downstairs Room
Thu Apr 6	10:00	Literacy Volunteers
	6:00	Soup Supper
	7:00	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri Apr 7	TBD	Sanctuary Easter Flower Delivery
Sun Apr 9		<i>Easter Sunday</i>
	9:00	Choir
	9:30	Hallelujah Chorus Rehearsal
	10:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday School
