

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

Third Sunday of Easter
Lorena Garmezy, Lay Reader

April 23, 2023

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Beautiful Savior* Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning, the Spirit of God moved over the waters,

People: and God said “Unbind creation and let her out!” and God declared it to be Good.

Leader: God said, “let there be light” and called the light Day and the darkness Night.

People: God spoke the word to call the land from the water, pulling Canandaigua Lake down to the depths and raising Bare Hill above the waters and in God’s eyes they were Good.

Leader: God’s word called to life the soybean and the milking cow, the robin and the earthworm,

People: the honeybee and the gray wolf, the microbe and the lake trout, and God’s heart saw them to be Good.

Leader: Then God spoke a final time, making creatures who carry the divine image: us.

People: Forming humans by holy word, male and female together, to tend and steward all that God had made.

Leader: And God saw that it was all Very Good.

People: And God declared that it is all Very Good.

Leader: On the seventh day, God rested.

People: And on this seventh day, we come to worship and remember our role as partners in creation.

*HYMN # 300 *In the Garden*

*INVOCATION

Great Creator and Sustainer, we love to hear the story of how you created the universe. We thank you for the beauty of our part of the earth, and especially for animals you have helped us bring back from the brink of extinction to fill our landscape again in recent decades: the wild turkey, bald eagle, trumpeter swan, fisher, timber wolf, peregrine falcon, and sandhill crane. As Christ arose on Easter, help us resurrect the harmony you intended for all you have made. 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 *All Thing Bright and Beautiful* John Rutter

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Genesis 1: 26-31* Pg # 1

*HYMN # 311 *Now The Green Blade Rises*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 24: 13-35* Pg # 83

SERMON *An Earth-Keeping People* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven* sett. John Eggert

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For all your saints, O God, who have guided our lives, for all the ways you have saved us from ourselves, for all the times your love has been poured out on us, we give thanks. You have taught us to offer hospitality and to share what you have given. This we do, with joy and gratitude. Receive these tokens of our renewed dedication. Amen.

*HYMN # 40 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude in C* J. Christian Heinrich Rinck

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

Call to Worship and Invocation developed by Rev. David Huber and Kathy Bartilson, members of The Green Group, Wisconsin Conference UCC; Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2 by Lavon Bayler

*Greeters This Morning: Barb Hackel, Tom Harradine, Judy Patchen
Ushers This Morning: Jennifer Brownell & Roger Morse, Rick Mullen, Tim Schneider
Live Stream This Morning: Matt Berry
Coffee Hour Host: Jon & Ann Schwab, Chairs - CE 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 24 Barbara Davis ~ Liesel Schwarz
 Elijah Beiner ~ Nathan Beiner
 April 26 Doug Brown

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); **Cathy Coots**; **Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Jerry Diver**; **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **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); **Family of Shirley Stadler** (relative of Debbie and Betty Lyon); **Connie Sunshine** (cousin of Cheryl Bootes); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Jim Ziegler**

Calendar

Sun Apr 23	11:45	Social Action Committee
Tue Apr 25	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers/Hayes Room
	10:30	Literacy Volunteers/Social Room
<i>Dawn on Retreat ~ 4/26 – 4/29</i>		
Wed Apr 26	10:00	TOPS/Downstairs Room
Thu Apr 27	10:00	Literacy Volunteers
	12:00	Bridge
	12:30	Ladies Luncheon
Fri Apr 28	11:00	P.E.O. Set Up
Sat Apr 29	3:00	P.E.O. Art Show & Sale/Social Room
Sun Apr 30	<i>May Day Celebration</i>	
	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday School
	11:45	May Day/Morris Dance Group

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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.