

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

April 24, 2022

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Prelude on Beach Spring* Charles Callahan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Last Sunday was Easter, a day on which the only fitting call to worship was announcement of the Event – the resurrection, the greatest act of life-saving imaginable.

People: Through it God let us laugh at our death sentence by punctuating it with a living exclamation mark.

Leader: On this day and in days to come may we remember that there are times when God restates the joyful resurrection proclamation.

People: Abilities faded and forgotten are channeled toward new creativity – that’s resurrection.

Leader: Friendships once killed by frosty misunderstanding bloom again in warm reconciliation – that’s resurrection.

People: Hopes glimmering and gone are rekindled by expressions of caring – that’s resurrection.

Leader: Faith, dulled by lack of exercise, dances again to God’s everyday rhythms – that’s resurrection.

People: We worship the God whose resurrecting power lives on as does the Christ we serve.

*HYMN # 291 *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*

*INVOCATION

Risen Christ, we are people of faith. It is in living our faith that we encounter doubt. Our minds fill with questions to which we do not necessarily expect answers. In living the questions, may we find resources for life. In committing ourselves to your ways of peace and reconciliation, may we live as Easter people. You are with us in the locked rooms of our lives, blessing us with peace and breathing the Holy Spirit in and through us. May that same Spirit flow from us, through our homes and neighborhoods so that your love for all people is evident in our lives. In your name we pray. 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

INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR *Hymn of Promise*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Psalms 150* Pg # 557

*HYMN # 461 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

MORNING PRAYER

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

SERMON *Breathing & Praising* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Meditation* Peter Hurford

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For the breath of life, for eyes to see, for insight to believe, for courage to witness, we give thanks, gracious God. The signs of your presence are everywhere. Your glory and dominion are forever and ever. May this offering witness to your grace and peace. Grant your Spirit as a transforming power among us that inspires and enables our service. Amen.

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

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Sonata III: Allegro* Felix Mendelssohn

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

Call to Worship reprinted from Flames of the Spirit by Ruth C. Duck; Invocation adapted and reprinted from Listening for the Whisper URC Prayer Handbook; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Gathered by Love by Lavon Bayler

*Ushers This Morning: Guy Burns, Tarry Shipley, Lynne Shoemaker, Richard Moyle
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.

Happy Birthday

April 24 Barbara Davis ~ Liesel Schwarz ~
Elijah Beiner ~ Nathan Beiner
April 26 Doug Brown
April 30 Bob Ward ~ Carol Ennis

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**; **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); **Carl & Debbie Jackson**; **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/Dworetzky 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

Sun Apr 24	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
Sun May 1	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Communion Service – Worship In-Person & Live stream,
	11:45	Sunday School May Day Celebration Morris Dancing in front of the Church

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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.