

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Kathy Ward, Lay Reader

April 30, 2023

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Janet Liner

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Laugh! Children of God! Let tears of joy baptize your eyes and your cheeks. Give God thanks and celebrate! It's great to be alive!

**People: It's great to be alive!**

Leader: Dance! Children of God! Lose yourself in the choreography of the Spirit. Life is a dance and God is the orchestra. It's great to be alive!

**People: It's great to be alive!**

Leader: Embrace! Children of God! Open your arms and feel close to each other. It is in our openness where life takes on meaning. It's great to be alive!

**People: Give God thanks and celebrate! It's great to be alive!**

\*HYMN # 312 *Christ is Alive!*

\*INVOCATION

**Dear Holy One, we come with songs aching to be sung, with words aching to be spoken, with questions aching to be answered, with feelings aching to be expressed, with hearts aching for love, with arms aching for embracing. We come with wounds aching to be healed, with emptiness aching to be filled, with joy aching to overflow. Let your love soak into the spirit and the skin like soothing salve and leave a tingle where once there was an ache, so that all may say we have met with God today, and everyone was touched, and no one was turned away. 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 *Festival Gloria* Patti Drennan

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

EPISTLE LESSON *Acts 2: 42-47* Pg # 111

\*HYMN # 28 *For Beauty of Meadows*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *John 10: 1-16* Pg # 96

SERMON *Listening for God's Voice* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Elegy* Douglas E. Wagner

\*DOXOLOGY # 34

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O Guardian of our souls, we give thanks for your watchful care. We are grateful for the many ways you offer healing and renewal. We are delighted with the opportunity to return, with glad and generous hearts, the love you have given us. We praise you with our offerings and by rededicating our time, talents, and treasure to the ministry of healing your broken, troubled world. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 118 *Lord of the Dance*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* John Innes

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

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*Greeters This Morning: Milan & Barb Kutner, Carol Milligan  
Ushers This Morning Guy Burns, Sue Hawks, John Shafer, Tim Schneider  
Live Stream This Morning: Mike Ryan  
Coffee Hour Host: Laurie Stoutz - Resource 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

4/30 Bob Ward  
4/30 Carol Ennis

## Prayer List

**Ancy & Family** (Fred Henry's friend); **Carol Bix** (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 30		<b>May Day Celebration</b>
	11:45	May Day/Morris Dance Group
Mon May 1	3:00	Called to Care/Hayes Room
	6:30	Bridge
Tue May 2	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers/Hayes Room
	10:30	Literacy Volunteers/Social Room
	11:00	Helen Holden Memorial Service/Chapel
Wed May 3	10:00	TOPS/Downstairs Room
	6:00	Handbell Rehearsal/Hayes Room
Sat May 6	9:00	Church Grounds Clean Up Day
Sun May 7	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday School
	2:00	Camerata Rehearsal
	3:00	Camerata Performance

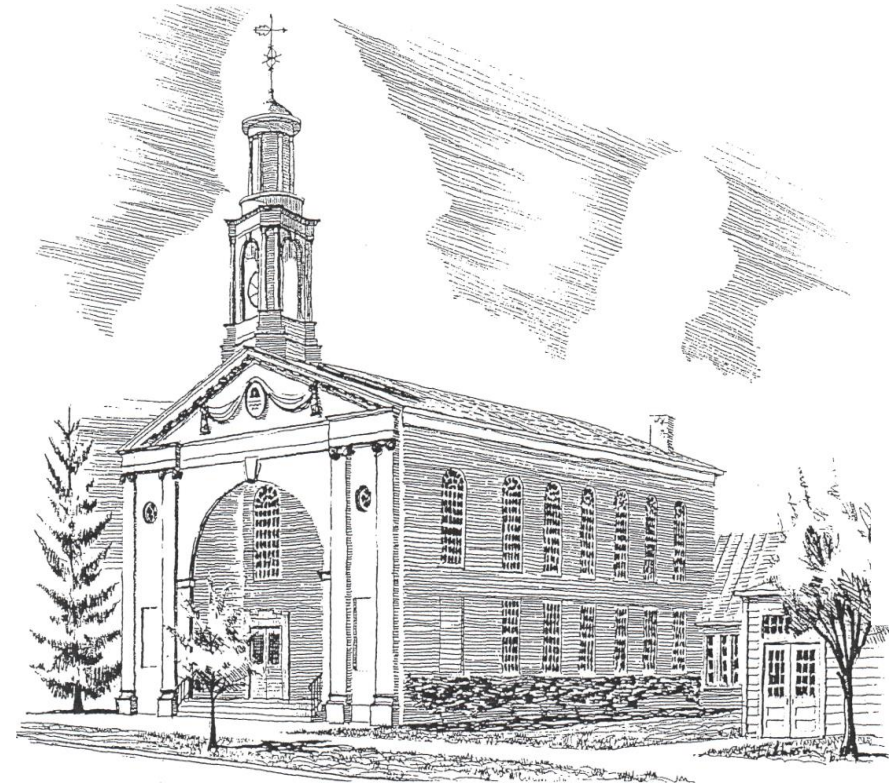
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- ❖ We value and respect diversity in the ways we express our faith.
- ❖ We enjoy thoughtful dialogue about faith issues.
- ❖ We encourage each other to work for justice and to care for people in need in our community and in our world.