

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Second Sunday of Easter
Sue Hawkes, Lay Reader

April 11, 2021

Worship 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus* arr. by David Lasky

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Bring your doubts, your hopes, your faith.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Come! Bring your questions, your wonderings, your misgivings.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Come! Bring your fear, your sorrow, your joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Come, let us worship God.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN #298 *The Day of Resurrection* (vs 1 & 3)

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;

the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.

**From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "all hail" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.**

INVOCATION (in unison)

**Sometimes we hide behind locked doors or in tombs of our own making, preferring
to stay in familiar places of doom, gloom, self-pity, and fear, rather than to venture
out into the new and uncertain dawn of resurrection. Come to us, God. Open our
locked doors and hearts, enter in, dust us off, and make us new. We long to be your
Easter people, to live and proclaim new life with all of our being. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Psalms 133: 1-3*

HYMN #302 *He Lives* (vs 1 & 2)

**I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today
I know that he is living, whatever some may say
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer
And just the time I need him he's always near.**

**He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.**

**In all the world around me I see his loving care
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair
I know that he is leading, through all the stormy blast
The day of his appearing will come at last.**

**He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.**

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *John 20: 19-31*

SERMON *Belonging* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC *Heaven and Earth* by John Hartley and Chris
Eaton; *Kelly Meath - Piano*

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**We offer to you our common stewardship, loving God. We want to be faithful in
meeting one another's needs and in serving the world in Christ's name. The gifts we
bring today will not mark an end to our giving. We sense that you are sending us,**

as Jesus was sent, to share light with the world. Thus, we dedicate our time and effort as a further offering. May life and faith be extended to many through us. Amen.

HYMN #515

Hymn of Promise

**In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity;
in our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing

arr. by David Lasky

Our Hymn Leader for today is Amy Ogden

*Call to Worship and Invocation reprinted from Seasons of the Spirit Congregational Life: Lent, Easter;
Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Led By Love by Lavon Bayler*

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

Happy Birthday

April 11 – Amelia Day

April 12 – Kitty Braddon

April 15 – Jeffrey Bowen

April 16 – Daisy Case & Debbie Wilbur

April 17 – Jean Davis & Don Payne

Prayer List

Ancy & Kira (Fred Henry's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Brad Bliss;** **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); **Julie English** (Janet & Kim Tenreiro's friend); **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Jerry Gomez** (Kathi Nacca's friend); **Carin Herren;** **Peter Ingalls** (Jean Ingall's son); **Jim and Carolyn** (Amy Ogden's friends); **Jim & Melody** (Don & Marilyn DeSmith's friends); **Jim Kolesar** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Sue Kotalik;** **Jan Larsen** (Dawn's mother); **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Jack Radley's friend); **Lynn** (Joan Ryan's friend); **Eileen McCarthy** (Carla DeMeco & Betsy Dresser's friend); **Sally Mueller;** **Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); **Norman** (Jennifer Maxfield's uncle); **Pia** (Jim & Connie Malone's friend); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack Radley;** **Don Raw, Sr.;** **Sara** (Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Smith/Dworetsky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Pat Smith;** **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Sally Stowell** (Alice Berry's mother); **Walker** (Don & Dorice Raw's friend); **Tom Wallace** (Jackie Lowe's significant other); **Kathy Ward;** **Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Robin Wisniewski** (Alicia's mom); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's daughter in law)

Calendar

Sunday April 11 - Worship Live Stream 10:30; hybrid Sunday School; Cong. Life 11:45 Zoom

Monday April 12 – Study Grp 9:00; Trustees 4:00 Zoom; Study Grp 5:00

Tues. April 13 – Study Grp 9:00; Rughookers 10:00; SCR Grp A 10:30 Zoom; SCR Grp C 1:00 Zoom

Wed. April 14 – Study Grp 9:00; TOPS 10:00

Thurs. April 15 - SCR Grp B 10:30 Zoom; SCR Grp D 7:00 Zoom

Friday April 16 – Live Stream Practice 5:30

Sunday April 18 - Worship 10:30 In Person & Live stream; hybrid Sunday School

Monday April 19 – Study Grp 9:00; Study Grp 5:00

Tues. April 20 – Study Grp 9:00; Rughookers 10:00; 3:00 Connie's Concert; Council 7:00

Wed. April 21 – Study Grp 9:00; TOPS 10:00

Friday April 23 – Live Stream Practice 12:00

Sunday April 25 - Worship 10:30 In Person & Live stream; hybrid Sunday Sch

