

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Third Sunday of Easter
Jean Landes, Lay Reader

April 18, 2021

Worship 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Deo Gratias, Oh, Love How Deep, How Broad, How High* Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What can bring us happiness?

People: The love of God among us.

Leader: What can bring us happiness?

People: The justice of God around us.

Leader: What can bring us happiness?

People: The breath of God within us.

Leader: Open our minds to the Scriptures

People: Open our eyes to Jesus in our midst.

Leader: Love of God,

People: Grow in us.

Leader: Fire of God,

People: Refine us.

Leader: Laughter of God,

People: Dance in us.

Leader: Justice of God,

People: Define us.

Leader: Tears of God,

People: Weep in us.

Leader: Beauty of God,

People: Caress Us.

Leader: Story of God,

People: Run deep in us.

Leader: Mystery of God.

People: Bless us. Amen.

HYMN # 289

Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven

INVOCATION (in unison)

You take us seriously. You listen to our questions. You walk alongside us. You share our journeys. You surprise us and bless us. You fill us with wonder. You call us together. You call us to life. Open our eyes to see you amongst us. Burn in our hearts and fill us with joy. Open our minds to the truth of your story. Waltz with us the dance of life! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Psalm 4

HYMN # 307

Good Christians All, Rejoice

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24: 36-48

SERMON

Believing

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC

How Can I Keep From Singing by Robert Lowry
Steve Kane - Soloist

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

We give with joy, gracious God, for you have been with us even when we were unfaithful. You have kept us in safety through times of grave distress. We can call on you in all times and places, in life and in death, knowing that your strength is available to sustain us. We give now that your church may be empowered in the proclamation of good news and the transformation of human life. Amen.

HYMN # 457

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

Deo Gratias

by Charles Callahan

Call to Worship and Invocation adapted and reprinted from Fire and Bread, Ruth Burgess; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Led By Love by Lavon Bayler

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

Hymn Leader This Morning: Steve Kane

Greeters This Morning: Carla DeMecco and Lin Case

Ushers This Morning: Bill Blaker, Jean Ingalls, Guy Burns, George Herren

April 18 - Brian Case & Jessica Casellas
April 20 – Samantha Eddinger
April 21 – Tom Herbek

Happy Birthday

April 22 – Sheila Reynolds & Molly Dutcher
April 24 – Barb Davis, Elijah & Nathan Beiner

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**; **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.**; **Ellie Rugg**; **Sara** (Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Smith/Dworetzky 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 18 - Worship 10:30 In Person & Live stream; hybrid Sunday School
Monday April 19 – Study Grp 9:00; Study Grp 5:00; SCR Planning Team 7
Tues. April 20 – Men's Group 8:00; Study Grp 9:00; Rughookers 10:00; 3:00 Connie Fredericks-Malone Concert; Council 7:00
Wed. April 21 – Study Grp 9:00; TOPS 10:00
Friday April 23 – Live Stream Practice 12:00
Saturday April 24 – Genesee Valley Association Spring Meeting zoom 10:00
Sunday April 25 - Worship 10:30 In Person & Live stream; hybrid Sunday School
Monday April 26 – Study Grp 9:00; Study Grp 5:00
Monday April 26 - Sun. May 2 - Dawn on Retreat at Silver Bay
Tues. April 27 - Men's Group 8:00; Study Grp 9:00; Rughookers 10:00; SCR Grp A 10:30 Zoom; SCR Grp C 1:00 Zoom
Wed. April 28 - Study Grp 9:00; TOPS 10:00
Thurs. April 29 - SCR Grp B 10:30 Zoom; SCR Grp D 7:00 Zoom
Friday April 30 – Live Stream Practice TBD; Prayer Shawl @ Sally Mueller's 2:00
Sunday May 2 – Supply Preacher: Rev. Ryan Henderson (Dawn on Retreat) Worship In Person & Live Stream 10:30; hybrid Sunday School

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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.