

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
Kelly Meath, Lay Reader

August 1, 2021

Worship 9:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Improvisation on "Simple Gifts"* by Alice Jordan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: You call your people to prayer and praise in many ways. This day, bring us together just as you called the people of Israel to gather manna in the desert to eat and sustain life.

People: God of unity, give us this day our daily bread. Offer us the nutrients we need to remain connected to you. As spiritual beings, we desire to receive food that endures—faith, hope, and love.

Leader: God of grace, give us this day our daily bread. All life is created and nourished by you!

People: May we grow into new circles of understanding and being, reflecting the ways in which we have been touched by your holy manna.

Leader: Holy Spirit, come!

People: Give us this day our daily bread.

*HYMN # 51 *How Great Thou Art*

INVOCATION

Life Sustainer, we receive the things you desire to offer us today and each new day! Grant us wisdom and openness to your Word and use its teachings to energize our bodies and spirits. Our common need is to receive meaning and worth from the Holy One who unites us together as the body of Christ. May the holy Bread of Life create sustenance for the journey, calm for troubled stomachs, grace-filled movement for aching limbs, and joyful activity for all bodies as we seek to live in sacred community. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Psalm 78:23-29*

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

MORNING PRAYER

EPISTLE LESSON *Ephesians 4:1-6*

COMMUNION MEDITATION *A Worthy Life* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC *In God's Love* Piano – Kelly Meath
by John Hartley, Margaret Becker & Staci Frenes

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We dedicate our offerings, not alone for the good they can accomplish and the mission they will support, but also because giving helps us to gain perspective on what really matters. We would stop working only for food that perishes, working for all the food that endures for eternal life. May our lives and all we give perform the works of God. Build us up in love for one another and for all your children everywhere.

*COMMUNION HYMN #695 *As We Gather at Your Table*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table, Consecration, and Sharing of the Bread and Cup, Thanksgiving
(*The communion bread is gluten and nut free so that all may partake together*)

*HYMN # 347 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugue in C Major* J.S. Bach

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

Call to Worship and Invocation adapted from prayers written by the Rev. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Led By Love by Lavon Bayler

Ushers This Morning: Jay Garrett-Larsen, Jim Hilton, Jean Ingalls

Live Stream This Morning: Mike Ryan

Organ This Morning: Elaine Hilton

Happy Birthday

Aug 3 Jim Malone & Matt Bond

Aug 4 Marlies Raw, Linda Whalen & Alyssa Maxfield

Aug 6 Pat Curchin

Prayer List

Ancy & Kira (Fred Henry's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Keith Blaker; 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); **Betsy Dresser; Julie English** (Janet & Kim Tenreiro's friend); **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Bob Graumann** (Don DeSmith's friend); **Carin Herren; Peter Ingalls** (Jean Ingall's son); **Jim and Carolyn** (Amy Ogden's friends); **Jim & Melody** (Don & Marilyn DeSmith's friends); **Family of Dennis Kllermeyer** (Nancy Parson's brother); **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); **Betty Lyon; Eileen McCarthy** (Carla DeMeco & Betsy Dresser's friend); **Donald Morgan** (George Herren's friend); **Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); **Norman** (Jennifer Maxfield's uncle); **Pia** (Jim & Connie Malone's friend); **Nancy Parsons** (at the loss of her brother); **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); **John Spare; Sara Szrama** (Sally Mueller's granddaughter); **Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's daughter in law)

Calendar

Sun Aug 1 - Worship In Person & Live stream 9:30; Denise Off

Tues Aug 3 - Men's Grp 8:00; Rughookers 10:00

Wed Aug 4 - TOPS 10

Sun Aug 8 - Worship In Person & Live stream 9:30

Tues Aug 10 - Men's Grp 8:00; Rughookers 10:00

Wed Aug 11 - TOPS 10

Sun Aug 15 - Worship In Person & Live stream 9:30

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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.