

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Kathy Ward, Lay Reader**

August 20, 2023

Worship 9:30 AM

PRELUDE *Beautiful Savior* Dale Wood

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. As we gather in this place, allow your spirit to fill our very being.

People: As we worship today, we remember our brothers and sisters who are worshipping elsewhere throughout the world. Inspire each of us to work more faithfully for justice and dignity of life everywhere.

Leader: Raise our vision above the barriers of color, culture, and creed that separate us. Give us wisdom as we deal with one another; help us to recognize and to respect different ways, rather than to judge.

People: In the spirit of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve, we now must walk in the world, we now must reach out our hands with help and open our hearts in love. Awake in us the desire to seek your way of serving you in the world.

Leader: Come, people of God, rejoice!

People: Come, let us worship together.

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

*INVOCATION

Hidden Christ, reveal yourself to us. Tear through the prejudices which, like a veil wrap us round and blind and deafen us to your presence. Shatter the arrogant assumptions which define where and when we might expect to meet you. Throw down the image we have made of you which is in reality our own image. Then, when we are naked and vulnerable stripped of everything but openness, send us out to encounter you afresh in the resurrection garden of your world. 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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Achieved Is the Glorious Work* FLX Trombone Quartet
Scott Quinlan, Justyn Newman
Scott Hoffman, Matthew Bond

GOSPEL LESSONS *Luke 8: 1-3 & Mark 15: 37-41* Pgs # 61 & 50

BAPTISM OF JACQUELINE ANN LOWE

*HYMN # 515 *Hymn of Promise*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *John 20:1-18* Pg # 107

SERMON *Prostitute or Pillar?* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Amazing Grace* arr. Ryan O'Leary

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For all your gifts – those we remember and all we have not recognized – we give thanks, Loving God. We are grateful for the privilege of giving from the abundance you provide. We are thankful for the influence of this congregation in our lives and in our community. Help us together to use what we have shared to fulfill your purposes, Amen.

*HYMN # 577 *Sing A New Church*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune on "Ash Grove"* arr. David Lasky

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

Call to Worship reprinted from Flames of the Spirit, ed. Ruth C. Duck; Invocation reprinted from Fire and Bread, Ruth Burgess; Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2 by Lavon Bayler

*Greeters This Morning: Nancy Ward and Cheryl Bootes
Ushers This Morning: Jim & Karen DeMay, Carla DeMeco, Barb Miller
Live Stream This Morning: Steve Brooks
Coffee Hour Host: Pastor Parish/Public Image*



**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

21	Brian Meath
22	Dennis Maxfield ~ Carolyn Hotchkiss
23	Charles Whalen ~ Kelly Meath
24	Chloe Schwab
26	Sue Morris

Prayer List

Allie and Seamus, friends & family of Josh A. friends of Fred Henry; **Carol Birx** (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); **Carol & Kent** (Karen's friends); **Cathy Coots; Betsy Cox; Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Carin Herren; Barb Iglewski; Anne Jensen** (friend of Jim & Connie Fredericks-Malone); **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); **Okke Postma; Chris Pritchard** (Rick & Cindy Mullen and George Herren's friend); **Don Raw, Sr.; Alexander Saxby** (Son-in-law of Phil and Kathi Nevin) **Pat Smith; Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Family of Shirley Stadler** (relative of Debbie and Betty Lyon); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Jim Ziegler**

Calendar

Sun Aug 20	9:30	<i>Baptism of Jackie Lowe</i>
	10:45	Social Action Committee
Mon Aug 21	9:30	Safety Task Force
	3:00	Literacy Volunteers
Tue Aug 22	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers/Social Rooms
	10:00	Literacy Volunteers/Hayes Room
Wed Aug 23	10:00	TOPS
Thu Aug 24	10:00	Literacy Volunteers/Hayes Room
	12:30	Ladies' Luncheon/Rays Restaurant
	2:00	Resource Committee/Hayes Room
	3:00	Literacy Volunteers/Hayes Room
<i>Dawn Away Aug 25-28</i>		
Sat Aug 26	11:00	What If? Chicken BBQ at Runnings Parking Lot
Sun Aug 27		<i>We Welcome Rev. Karl Bawel</i>
	9:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream

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We're a Different Kind of Church

- ❖ 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.