

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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Kathy Ward, Lay Reader

August 21, 2022

Worship 9:30 AM

PRELUDE *Give Me Jesus* Tracey Craig McKiggen

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come all who need rest.

**People: Come to this place of refuge.**

Leader: Come all who need healing.

**People: Come to this place of wholeness.**

Leader: Come all who need challenge.

**People: Come to this place of encouragement.**

Leader: Come all called to be friends of God.

**People: Come to this place of worship.**

\*HYMN # 348 *Softly and Tenderly*

\*INVOCATION

**God, with great gentleness and care, you call us to be your people and to do your work. Be here with us today, for we come, asking for your support in all that we do. We need your love, transforming our lives in hope. Be with us, we pray. 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 *The Water is Wide* Lynne Peffley

O TASTE AND SEE - FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

**People: O taste and see that the Lord is good! God's steadfast love endures forever!**

EPISTLE LESSON *Galatians 6: 1-6* Pg # 176

\*HYMN # 466 *Take My Life and Let It Be*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 11: 27-30* Pg # 11

SERMON *Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *I Need Thee Every Hour* Robert Lowry  
arr. Dick Bolks

\*DOXOLOGY # 34

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, we cannot forget all your benefits. Accept our offerings as expressions of praise and acts of true worship. We pour out our thanks for all you have given us and for all you do for us. We are grateful for the opportunities you grant us to help others. May healing come to all who suffer and freedom be granted to those weighed down and bent over with heavy burdens. Use us and our gifts to bring the changes for good that you intend for our world. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 326 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Like a River Glorious* arr. Chris Rice

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

*Call to Worship reprinted from Bread and Fire, Ruth Burgess; Invocation reprinted from Flames of the Spirit, Ruth C. Duck; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Gathered by Love by Lavon Bayler*

*Ushers This Morning: Jay Garrett-Larsen, Cheryl Bootes, Jackie Lowe, Kelly Meath  
Live Stream This Morning: John Maguire*

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*

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

## *Prayer List*

**Ancy & Kira** (Fred Henry's friend); **Keith Blaker**; **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); **Marilyn DeSmith**; **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Carin Herren**; **Mara Huberlie**; **Barb Iglewski**; **Peter Ingalls** (Jean Ingall's son); **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik**; **Ron Krahl**; **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Frank McAlpin** (Patrick McAlpin's father); **Rich Morgan**; **Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); Dennis Maxfield's brother **Paul**; **Bernard** (Karen Maxfield's uncle); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Adam Robb** (Barb & Milan Kutner's nephew); **Smith/Dworetsky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Robin Wisniewski** (Alicia Francis' mom); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason and Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's children); **Jim Ziegler**

## *Calendar*

Mon Aug 22	6:00	Pastor Parish
Thu Aug 25	10:30	Staff Meeting
	12:30	Ladies Luncheon
Sun Aug 28	9:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream
Tue Aug 30	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
Thu Sep 1	4:00	Wedding Rehearsal in Chapel
Fri Sep 2	1:00	Wedding in Chapel

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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.