

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Logan Piorkowski, Lay Reader

August 29, 2021

Worship 9:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Elegy* by Douglas Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There is much to do *before* we worship. Some of it we do and some of it God does.

People: Come, let us worship our God who calls us beloved.

Leader: There is much to do *while* we worship. Some of it we do and some it is God does.

People: Come, let us worship our God who calls us beloved.

Leader: One last look around...I think we're ready. I'm *sure* God is ready!

People: Come, let us worship our God who calls us beloved.

Leader: So let's worship!

People: We are here to worship our God!

Leader: God *is* with us, now and forevermore!

People: Amen.

*HYMN # 106 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

INVOCATION

Christ is living in our world. Through human lips, Christ has spoken. Through human hands, Christ has healed. Through our hearts, Christ is loving. Through us all, Christ is working. So, behold the truth: Christ is living in our world. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Song of Solomon 2: 8-13*

*HYMN # 40 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

MORNING PRAYER

EPISTLE LESSON: *James 1: 17-25*

SERMON *Be-Loved* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Air* by G. F. Handel

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Our hearts are overflowing with thanksgiving for all the bounty you entrust to our stewardship, O God of light. You have reached into the shadows, where we often flee, to rescue us and give us your work to do. As you have freed us from the chains of sin, we seek to offer healing to others as we listen and share and do. Bless our offering of self and substance, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN # 712 *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Recessional on St. Anne* Gordon Young

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

Call to Worship adapted and reprinted from Seasons of the Spirit curriculum. Invocation reprinted from Wisdom is Calling, An Anthology of Hope: An Agenda for Change; by Richard Becher; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Led By Love by Lavon Bayler

*Ushers This Morning: Jay Garrett-Larsen, Jim & Elaine Hilton
Live Stream This Morning: John Maguire*

Happy Birthday

Aug 29 Tim Schneider

Aug 30 Connie Fredericks-Malone & Carol Peters

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); **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); **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.**; **Richard Reimers** (Rhonda Nyerges' uncle); **Sara** (Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Smith/Dworetsky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **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)

Thank you to Sandy Campbell, who is playing the organ today while Denise is on vacation!

Calendar

Sun Aug 29 - Worship In Person & Live stream 9:30; Denise Off,
Congregational Life Meeting 11 am
Tues Aug 31 - Men's Grp 8:00; Rughookers 10:00
Sun Sept 5 - Worship In Person & Live stream 9:30
Mon Sept 6 – Labor Day, Office Closed
Tues Sept 7 - Men's Grp 8:00; Rughookers 10:00
Wed Sept 8 – TOPS 10:00
Thurs Sept 9 – Bridge 12:00; Staff Meeting 5:30; Choir Rehearsal 7:00
Sat Sept 11 –Ecumenical Observance of the 20th Anniversary of 9/11
11 am United Church
Sun Sept 12 – Choir 9:00; Worship In Person & Live stream 10:30; Rally Day
Mon Sept 13 – Trustees 4:00
Sun Sept 19 - Choir 9:00; Worship In Person & Live stream 10:30; Celebration of
Denise's 20th Anniversary as our Organist

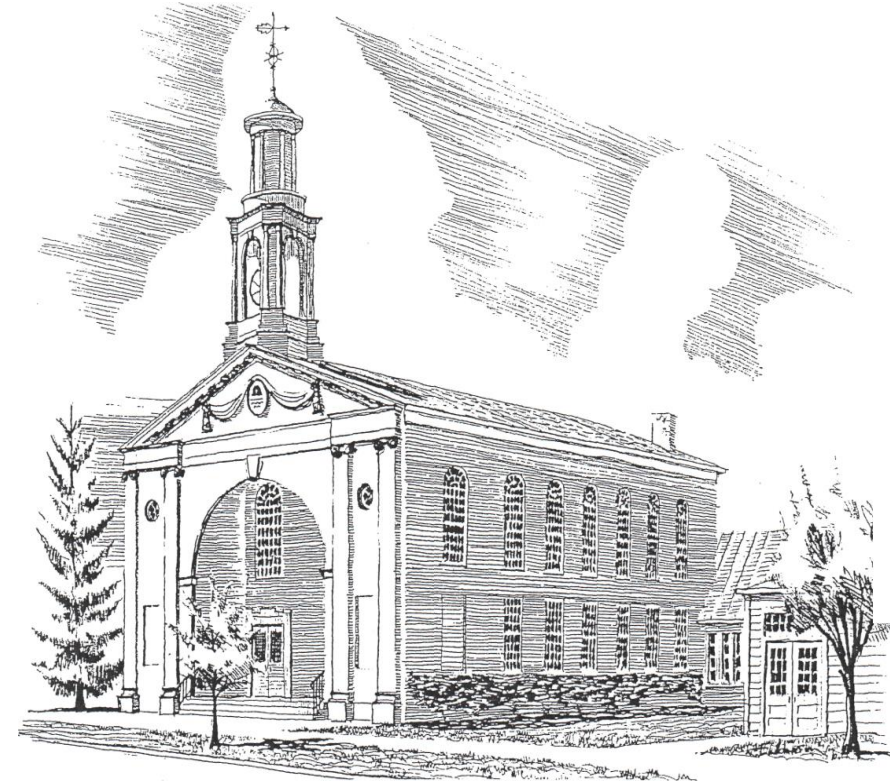
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- ❖ We value and respect diversity in the ways we express our faith.
- ❖ We enjoy thoughtful dialogue about faith issues.
- ❖ We encourage each other to work for justice and to care for people in need in our community and in our world.