

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

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Mickey Ely, Lay Reader

August 6, 2023

Worship 9:30 AM

We Welcome Rev. Karl Bawel to our Pulpit Today!

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

Leader: The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

People: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

Leader: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

People: The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

**People: He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry,
and saves them.**

Leader: The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

**People: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy
name forever and ever.**

*HYMN # 358

Love Devine, All Love Excelling

*INVOCATION

**Dear Holy Spirit, we welcome You amongst us today and celebrate the gift of life that
you have poured upon each of us. Open our ears so that we may hear your voice. Open
our minds so that we may receive Your eternal wisdom. Open our spirits so that we
may know Your leading and guidance. And open our hearts so that we may receive
Your wonderful love. We ask all this in Your glorious name. 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 Prayer

Cal & Cassandra Young

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-5

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HYMN # 440

Savior Like a Shepard Lead Us

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:13-21

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COMMUNION MEDITATION *Our Lord's Abundant Table*

Rev. Karl Bawel

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**You are the source of every good and perfect gift, O God. Use these tithes and
offerings for your glory. Let your church be a spring whose waters never fail; and
let your people be repairers of the breach and restorers of streets to live in.
We pray in Christ's name. Amen**

*COMMUNION HYMN # 665 *Break Now the Bread of Life*

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 # 59

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

*Call to Worship from Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Invocation from www.lords-prayer-words.com;
Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Isaiah 58:11-12.*

Greeters This Morning: Carolyn Hotchkiss, Marty Daniels

Ushers This Morning: Jean Landis, Bill & Sue Blaker, Guy Burns, Carolyn Hotchkiss

Live Stream This Morning: John Maguire

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.

Happy Birthday

6	Pat Curchin
7	Ryan Alling
8	David Marsh ~ Rhonda Nyerges
10	D. Guy Burns ~ Pam McGuire
11	Milan Kutner
12	Barb Sarkis

Prayer List

Ancy & Family (Fred Henry's friend); **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); **Jerry Diver**; **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.**; **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 6	<i>We Welcome Rev. Karl Bawel</i>	
Tue Aug 8	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers/Social Room
	7:00	Trustees/Hayes Room
Wed Aug 9	10:00	TOPS/Social Room
Thu Aug 10	10:00	Literacy Volunteers/Hayes Room
Sun Aug 13	9:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream
Mon Aug 14	2:30	Called to Care/Hayes Room
	4:00	Staff Meeting/Social Room
Tue Aug 15	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers/Hayes Room
	7:00	Council/Zoom

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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.