

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Transfiguration Sunday and Valentines' Day
Don DeSmith, Lay Reader

February 14, 2021

Worship 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair* arr. by Healey William

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we worship the God of Light and Love, we remember the mountain top where Peter, James and John looked upon Jesus who shone with the majesty of God's glory.

From the mystery of a cloud they heard a voice declaring Jesus to be God's Son.

Though we do not live on mountain tops, grant that we too may glimpse your glory, Holy One.
In the mundane predictability of our lives may there be for us, moments when sight gives way to insight.

May the paths of the earth become the road to heaven! Fill us with your transforming love, Source of all that is. Amen.

HYMN #618 *Go Down, Moses* (vs 1&2) (Please sing along at home!)

When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go;
oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.

Go down, Moses,

way down in Egypt's land;

tell old Pharaoh: let my people go!

 The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go;

 to lead the Hebrew children through, let my people go.

Go down, Moses,

way down in Egypt's land;

tell old Pharaoh: let my people go!

INVOCATION (in unison)

God of Love, you who first loved us, we give thanks that regardless of what happens in our lives, you will continue to love us. We come before you, a people longing to love you in return. We hunger for your healing love in our lives. We long to love ourselves and our neighbors even when it is difficult. Come to us this day and fill our longing. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

*GLORIA PATRI (Please sing along at home!)

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *2 Kings 2: 1-12*

HYMN #247 *Sing of God Made Manifest* (vs. 1& 4) (Please sing along at home!)

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,
Magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:

myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and King foretold.

Sing of God made manifest
on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
where the law and prophets waned
so that Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,
given as Jesus set his face
towards the waiting cross and grave,
sign of hope that God would save.

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9: 2-9

SERMON

Transforming Love

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC *The Swan from Carnival of the Animals* by Camille Saint-Saens; *Edie Rice, Piano, Hannah Cox, Cello*

*DOXOLOGY (Please sing along at home!)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Thank you, God, for the opportunity to invest in the healing ministry of the church. As we reach out to offer hope of wholeness to our fragmented world, we find new meaning for our lives. We are grateful for your faithfulness even when we do not respond. We rejoice that your love is constant through our long nights of weeping and days of suffering. Even in these moments, we celebrate the joy of giving. Amen.

HYMN #397

The Gift of Love (Please sing along at home!)

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.

Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship and are freed.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

arr. by Mark Sedio

Call to Worship reprinted and adapted from Stages on the Way, Wild Goose Worship Group; Invocation adapted and reprinted from Flames of the Spirit, ed. Ruth Duck; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Led By Love by Lavon Bayler

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

Prayer List

Ancy (Fred Henry's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Brad Bliss; Marjorie Case; Cheryl** (Jennifer Maxfield's sister-in-law); **Don & Judy Clark** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Cathy Coots; Paris, and Kira** (Friends of Fred Henry); **Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Julie English** (Janet & Kim Tenreiro's friend); **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Jerry Gomez** (Kathi Nacca's friend); **Carin Herren; Jim and Carolyn** (Amy Ogden's friends); **The King Family** (Fred Henry's friends); **Jim Kolesar** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Sue Kotalik; Jan Larsen** (Dawn's mother); **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Meg & Jack Radley's friend); **Lynn** (Joan Ryan's friend); **Eileen McCarthy** (Carla DeMeco & Betsy Dresser's friend); **Sally Mueller; Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); **Norman** (Jennifer Maxfield's uncle); **Margaret Page** (Bonnie Maguire's mother); **Pia** (Jim & Connie Malone's friend); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack and Meg Radley; Don Raw, Sr.; Sara** (Meg & Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Smith/Dworetsky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Pat Smith; Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Sally Stowell** (Alice Berry's mother); **Walker** (Don & Dorice Raw's friend); **Tom Wallace** (Jackie Lowe's significant other); **Kathy Ward; Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Robin Wisniewski** (Alicia's mom); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's daughter in law)

Happy Birthday

2/14 Sue Hawkes

2/16 Laura McAlpin

2/17 Claude Peters

2/20 Annie Garrett-Larsen, Sandi Hinett, Jonathan Logan & Rebecca Rice

Calendar

Mon. Feb. 15 – President's Day – Office Closed; Study Grp 9; Study Grp 5:30

Tues. Feb. 16 – Church Council 7 zoom

Wed. Feb. 17 – Drive By Ashes 12 – 1pm at the rear of the church

Thurs. Feb. 18 – Zoom Soup Supper 6:30

Sunday Feb. 21 – Worship Live Stream 10:30; hybrid Sunday School