

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Jay Garrett-Larsen, Lay Reader

August 16, 2020

Worship 9:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *I Love to Tell the Story* arr. by Wilbur Held

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Maker of our Days, you created each of us as unique beings with differing strengths and weaknesses. Help us not only to use our strengths to assist others but also to allow others to use their strengths to meet *our* weaknesses.

People: Restorer of our Souls, you have seen the parched places we have made in our lives, along with the devastation thrust upon us by the action or inaction of others.

Leader: Meet us in the places of our deepest pain so that our facades of self-sufficiency will fall away. Draw us into right relationship with you and one another.

People: Breath of our Lives, without you we are but a mound of clay. Fill us with your presence, invigorate our worship, set us on fire so that others might be drawn into your light and nurtured by the warmth of your loving care.

HYMN *Hymn of Promise* (Please listen but do not sing)
*In the bulb there is a flower; In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

INVOCATION (in unison)

God of all blessings, you have blessed us with family that is ours through baptism and friendship; through blood and adoption. You call us to make peace where there was once anger between us. You have taught us to love where there was once fear between us. How good it is when there is peace and love! Where there is still anger inside us let our hearts be softened so that we can feel true peace in your house. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

*GLORIA PATRI (Please listen but do not sing)

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Genesis 45:1-15*

MORNING PRAYER

EPISTLE LESSON *Romans 11:29-32*

SERMON *Family Tears* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERING OF SPECIAL MUSIC *It Is Well with My Soul* by Philip P. Bliss; arr. John Innes from Keys of the Kingdom; Piano Arrangements for Worship, Abingdon Press, 1997.
~Elaine Hilton, piano

*THE DOXOLOGY *(Please listen but do not sing)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

For all of 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 *Amazing Grace! (Please listen but do not sing)*
Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

BENEDICTION/POSTLUDE *Wonderful Words of Life* arr. by Wilbur Held

***Please Stand if you are able**

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Greeters this Morning: Elaine & Jim Hilton

Happy Birthday

Aug. 15: Carla DeMeco	Aug. 21: Brian Meath
Aug. 16: Polly Taussig, Peggy Sauter & Andy Henry	Aug. 22: Dennis Maxfield &
Aug. 19: John Maguire & Lindsey Boldt	Carolyn Hotchkiss

Food and Restaurant Gift Cards for the School:

Our congregation is invited to purchase gift cards to local restaurants and grocery stores for those families in need in the area. We are hoping for a quantity of thirty \$10 gift cards. Please give any cards purchased to Mike Parsons, or you can mail directly to the school to the attention of the School Superintendent, Jamie Farr.

Prayer List

Muriel Allemand (Jim & Connie Malone's friend); **Steve Beck** (Heidi Schwarz's brother); **Keith Blaker**; **Sue & Bill Blaker & Family**; **Brad Bliss**; **Ruth Bundy** (Cheryl Bootes' friend); **Marjorie Case**; **Kira Casellas**; **Cathy Coots**; **Peggy & Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friends); **Julie English** (Janet & Kim Tenreiro's friend); **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Jerry Gomez** (Kathi Nacca's friend); **Hannah Morgan & Family**; **Gayle Henry**; **Carin Herren**; **Jeff Johnson** (Jim & John Johnson's brother); **Jim Kolesar** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Sue Kotalik**; **Family of Melanie** (Dennis Maxfield's niece); **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); **Claude Peters**; **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack and Meg Radley**; **Sara** (Meg & Jack Radley's granddaughter); **John Paul and Pat Smith**; **Smith/Dworetsky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Sally Stowell** (Alice Berry's mother); **Walker** (Don & Dorice Raw's friend); **Kathy Ward**; **Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Merle Winn** (Amy Ogden'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)

Gleaner's Update

Gleaner's Kitchen continues to hand out bagged lunches every day and bags of food for families twice a week. Although volunteers cannot be there, hungry people come to the door every day. Gleaner's still needs our help. If you are able, please send a check to help them continue. Tom Carter can make money go a long way by using Foodlink. The address is Gleaner's Community Kitchen, Attn: Tom Carter, manager, c/o St. John's Episcopal Church, 183 North Main St., Canandaigua, NY 14424. Thank you and God bless you.

Calendar

Sunday August 16 – Worship 9:30 Live Streaming and in person

Monday August 17 – Alicia off

Mon. Aug. 17- Sun. August 23 Dawn on Vacation

Wed August 19 -Small Group 10 Mickey Ely's

Sunday August 23 – Worship 9:30 Live Streaming and in person, Lori Vail Supply Preacher, Steve Kane Substitute Organist