

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

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
Martha Daniels, Lay Reader

February 12, 2023

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Sicilienne* arr. Robert Gower

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God sets before us life and death.

People: We long to choose life.

Leader: God sets before us blessings and curses.

People: We long to choose blessings.

Leader: And so we seek the path of Jesus.

People: Unsure of the terrain.

Leader: And so we try to follow Jesus.

People: Even though we don't quite understand.

Leader: And so we gather this morning for worship,

People: Offering this small piece of our time, our talents, ourselves.

Leader: Holy One, by your grace,

People: Meet us where we are. Lead us to where you long for us to be.

*HYMN # 136 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

*INVOCATION

Let's build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hope and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place. 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

ANTHEM *If Ye Love Me* Thomas Tallis

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Deuteronomy 30: 15-20* Pg # 184

*HYMN # 372 *I Then Shall Live*

MORNING PRAYER

EPISTLE LESSON *I Corinthians 3: 1-9* Pg # 154

SERMON *Choosing to Grow* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Woodbird* David Schelat

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We have been blessed, most generous God, beyond our deserving. We have been fed in ways we have not acknowledged. We come to your altar in thanksgiving for all the blessings of life. We bring our offerings with full intent to love our neighbors as ourselves and to return the love you have so lavishly bestowed. Unite us with one another in your ministry of reconciliation. Amen.

*HYMN # 459 *Come, All Christians, Be Committed*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Highland Cathedral* Charles Callahan

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

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*Greeters This Morning: George Herren, Jean Landes
Ushers This Morning: Jim DeMay, Terry Shipley, Laurie Stoutz, Karen DeMay
Live Stream This Morning: John Maguire
Coffee Hour Host: Sue Hawkes*



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

2/13 Olivia Casella
2/14 Sue Hawkes
2/16 Laura McAlpin
2/17 Claude Peters

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); **Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Marilyn DeSmith**; **Steve & Diane Fuchs** (Karen's friends); **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Carin Herren**; **Barb Iglewski**; **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik**; **Lu Krahl**; **Dennis Maxfield**; **Paul** (Dennis Maxfield's brother); **Frank McAlpin** (Patrick McAlpin's father); **Patrick McAlpin**; **Norine** (Marilyn DeSmith's friend); **Kathleen Piper** (friend of George and Carin Herren); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Adam Robb** (Barb & Milan Kutner's nephew); **Ruth** (friend of Jim & Elaine Hilton); **Dave Sauter**; **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Robin Wisniewski** (Alicia Francis' mom); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend);
Jason Zeller (Kathy Ward's son); **Jim Ziegler**

Calendar

Sun Feb 12	11:45	Social Action Committee
Tue Feb 14	8:00	Men's Group
	10:30	Literacy Volunteers/Social Room
	7:00	Trustees
Wed Feb 15	10:00	TOPS/Downstairs Room
Thu Feb 16	10:00	Literacy Volunteers
	10:00	Lent Adult Ed/Social Room
	1:00	Assemble Lenten Devotion Booklets/Hayes Room
	4:00	Staff Meeting/Hayes Room
Sat Feb 18	11:00	Carl Mabie Memorial Service
Sun Feb 19	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream, Sunday School
	11:45	New Member Information Meeting

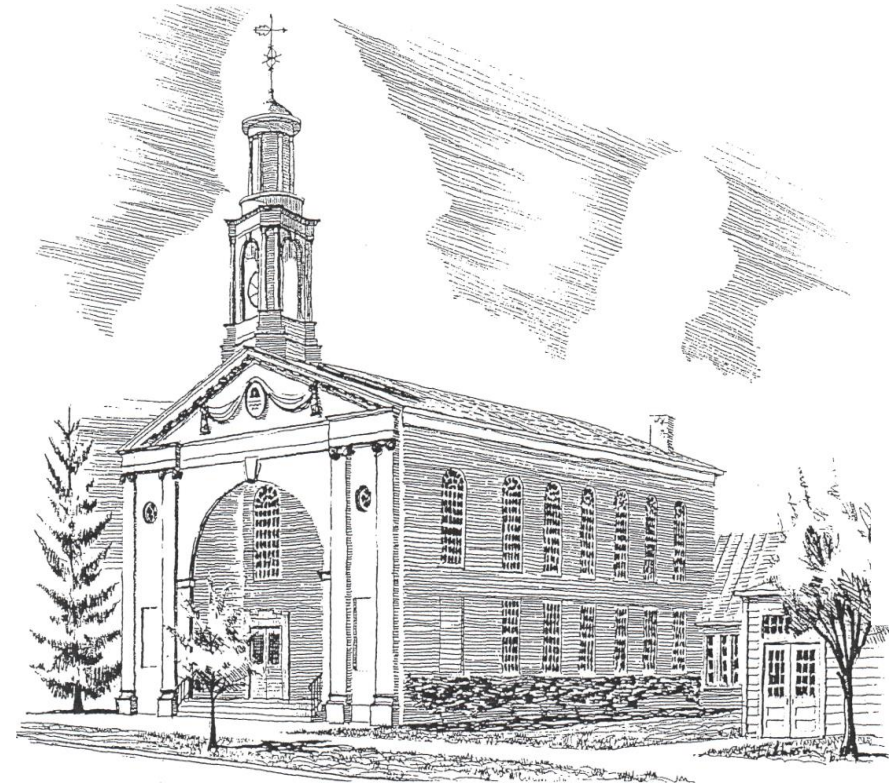
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- ❖ We value and respect diversity in the ways we express our faith.
- ❖ We enjoy thoughtful dialogue about faith issues.
- ❖ We encourage each other to work for justice and to care for people in need in our community and in our world.