

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

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Peggy Hollister, Lay Reader

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise within me, Holy mystery, Holy friend. Keep danger near enough for the summoning of protection.

People: Keep doubt strong enough for the deepening of trust.

Leader: Keep despair near enough for the stirring of hope.

People: Keep darkness strong enough for the glimmering of light.

Leader: Keep hostility near enough for the sustaining of peace.

People: Keep fear strong enough for the arousing of love.

Leader: Keep greed near enough for the lavishing of generosity.

People: Keep uncertainty strong enough for the bolstering of courage.

Leader: Keep surprise near enough for the gifting of grace.

People: Keep chaos strong enough for the flowering of creativity

Leader: Keep divinity near enough for the perfecting of humanity.

People: Arise within me, Holy mystery, take me to hallowed ground.

*HYMN # 358 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*INVOCATION

Great Planter and Provider, we rejoice at the streams of living water you send within our reach. Help us to grow deep roots that partake of your truth and thick branches that reach out in loving support to all in need of our embrace. In this hour we seek, with enthusiasm, the energy you provide as we sense your presence, blessing us. 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 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. Benjamin Harlan

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Psalms 1*

*HYMN # 540 *Two Thousand Years Since Bethlehem*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 6: 17-26*

SERMON *Blessings and Woes* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Hymn of Promise* sett. John Ferguson

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for the consolation you offer, the hunger you satisfy, and the healing you produce in those who respond to your love. You have touched our lives in ways that make us rich. Now use what we have shared to provide fulfillment in other lives, among our neighbors, near and far. Enlist our best efforts in the extension of your realm, that our offering of ourselves may bear fruit daily. Amen.

*HYMN # 520 *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Samuel Metzger

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

Call to Worship reprinted from Bare Feet and Buttercups by Ruth Burgess; Invocation adapted and reprinted from Refreshing Rains of the Living Word by Lavon Bayler; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Gathered by Love by Lavon Bayler

*Greeters This Morning: Barb Davis, Tom Harradine
Ushers This Morning: Bill & Sue Blaker, Martha Daniels, Carla DeMeco
Live Stream This Morning: Matt Berry*

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 & Kira (Fred Henry's friend); **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**; **Corrine** (Denise & Scott's sister); **Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Marilyn DeSmith**; **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Carin Herren**; **Mara Huberlie**; **Barb Iglewski**; **Peter Ingalls** (Jean Ingall's son); **Jim and Carolyn** (Amy Ogden's friends); **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik**; **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Jack Radley's friend); **Eileen McCarthy** (Carla DeMeco & Betsy Dresser's friend); **Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); **Steve F & Reagan O** (friends of Karen Noonan); **Norman** (Jennifer Maxfield's uncle); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack Radley**; **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Don Raw, Jr.**; **Sara** (Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Smith/Dworesky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason and Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son and daughter);
Jim Ziegler

Calendar

Tues Feb 15	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
	7:00	Council /Zoom
Thu Feb 17	2:00	SCR/Zoom
	7:00	SCR/Zoom
Sun Feb 20		Light Hill Flower Sale Orders Due
	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In Person & Live stream, Sunday School,
	1:00	Social Action/Zoom
	2:30	Brainstorming Team/Zoom
Mon Feb 21		President's Day/Office Closed
Tue Feb 22	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
Sun Feb 27	9:00	Choir
	10:30	Worship In Person & Live stream, Sunday School
Mon Feb 28	7:00	SCR Hot Button Issues/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.