

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

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Dan Rice, Lay Reader

Sunday, February 20, 2022

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Communion* Louis Vierne

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of life, God of justice, God of love and mercy, God the provider, God our refuge and sustainer, God our comforter, hear the plight of those living in squalid conditions.

People: We present the vulnerabilities of the widows, orphans, sick, the aged and unemployed. We present their needs before you. We appeal to you to meet them at their point of need.

Leader: Give them hope and faith in you. Give them courage to soldier on. Give them resilience and tenacity.

People: While the powers that be have tended to ignore their plight, we pray that you will be the eyes and ears that see and listen to their heartfelt needs.

Leader: We pray that you make us the instrument and the channel of healing love and source of comfort.

People: We appeal to you to make us relevant and effective to those in need. Amen.

*HYMN # 66 *To God Be the Glory*

*INVOCATION

O God of Transformation, use us to embody your love in the world. May broken hearts be embraced by our love. May grieving mothers find us willing to share their tears. May lonely elders find our community attentive. May despairing teens feel encouraged by our support. May displaced migrants be welcomed into safety here. May unemployed workers find connections to stable work. O Spirit, empower us to uphold the vulnerable. Through our prayers and our actions enable us to live into your deepest longing for us and for your precious world. 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

Holy, Holy, Holy
(Please join on the last verse Hymn #136)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Psalms 37: 1-11*

*HYMN # 428 *When Peace Like a River*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 6: 27-38*

SERMON *Loving Our Enemies* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* Dale Wood

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Receive our joy, O God, along with our gifts. We reach out with this offering to do good in and through our church. May any who have harmed others be helped. Heal us of unjust anger, jealousy, and strife. Through our shared life in this community of faith, create in us the image of one who dwells in heaven. Let us share with the whole world the blessings we receive from your hand. Amen.

*HYMN # 372 *I Then Shall Live*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Highland Cathedral* Charles Callahan, ASCAP

*Please stand if you are able.

Call to Worship and Invocation adapted and reprinted from Liturgies from Below by Claudio Carvalhaes; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Gathered by Love by Lavon Bayler

*Greeters This Morning: Cheryl Bootes, Sue Hawkes
Ushers This Morning: Buy Burns, Tom Harradine, Jim & Elaine Hilton
Live Stream This Morning: John Maguire*

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

Feb 20 Jonathan Logan ~ Sandi Hinett

Rebecca Rice ~ Annie Garrett-Larsen

Feb 21 Nancy Gilbert

Feb 23 Laurie Stoutz ~ Linda Orrell-Fair

Feb 24 Norma Barton ~ Mariena Schneider ~ Silas McAlpin

Feb 26 Jack Wheeler

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 Fuscald** (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/Dworetsky 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

Mon Feb 21	<i>President's Day/Office Closed</i>
	7:00 SCR Hot Button Issues/Zoom
Tue Feb 22	8:00 Men's Group
	10:00 Rug Hookers
Wed Feb 23	7:00-9:00 Family Game Night/Social Room
Sun Feb 27	9:00 Choir
	10:30 Worship In Person & Live stream, Sunday School
	11:45 Congregational Life Committee
Wed Mar 2	12:00 Ash Wednesday Service/Chapel
Thu Mar 3	10:00 Adult Education

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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.